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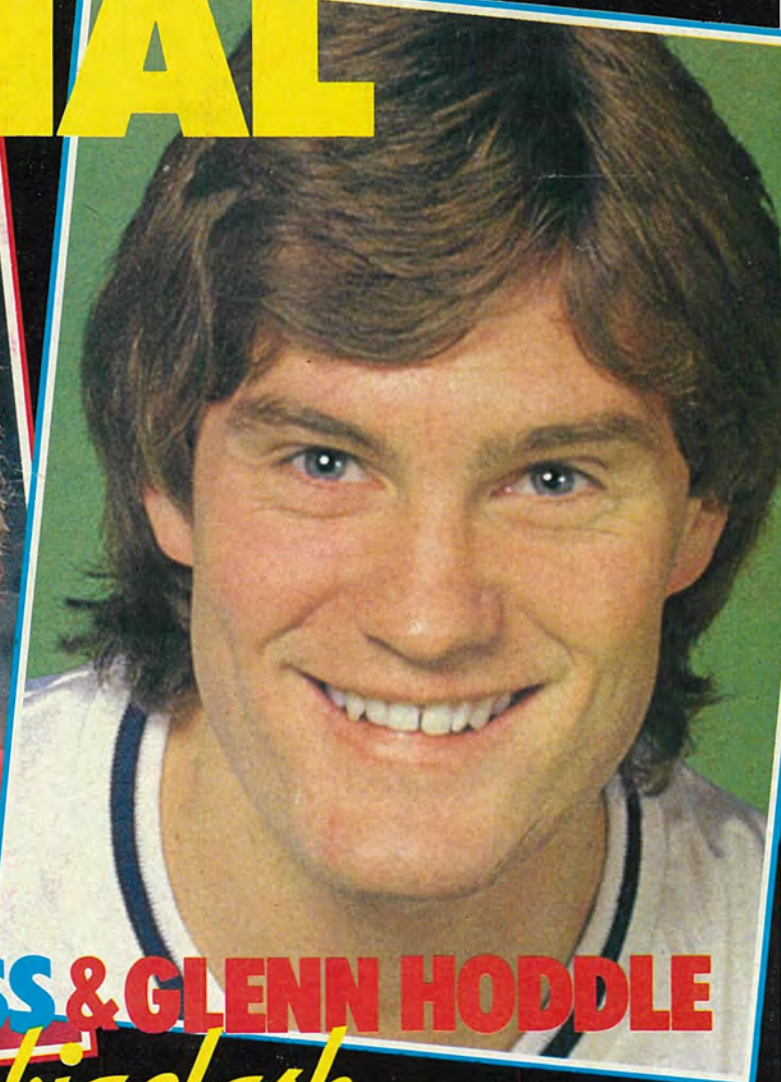
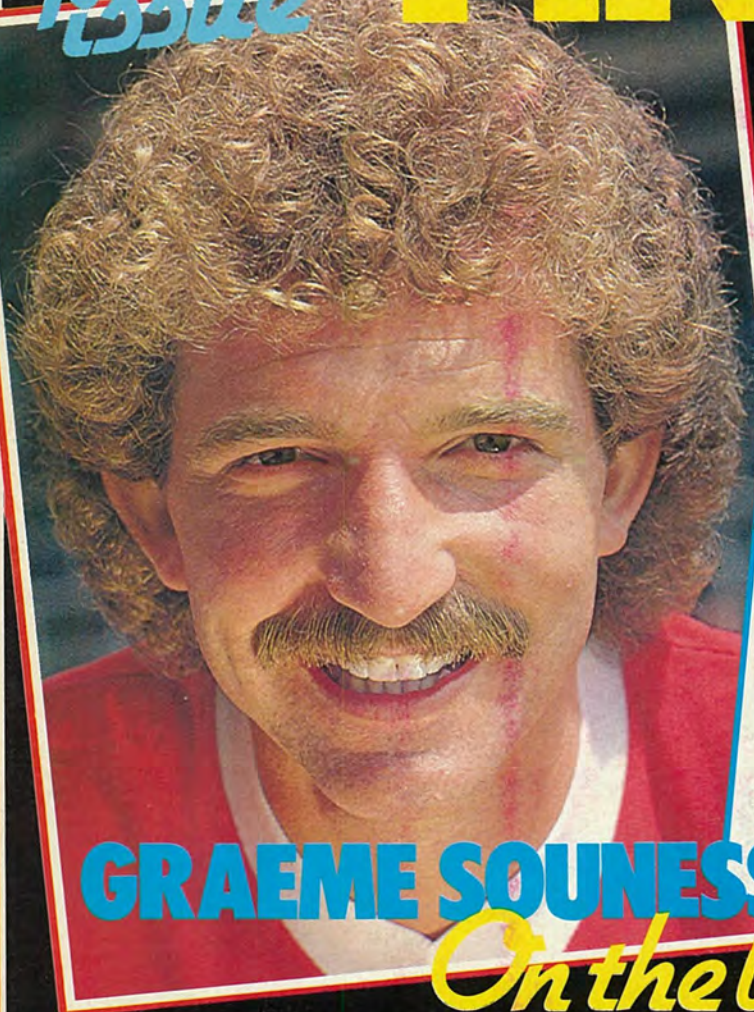
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LEAGUE CUP FINAL '82

LIVERPOOL have adopted a 'softly, softly' approach to Saturday's League Cup Final at Wembley.

Our preparations have been as low key as possible and we've tried to treat the big game against Spurs like any ordinary First Division fixture.

That's why we won't be travelling down to London until the day before the match.

The only change from our normal routine is that we'll be staying in a hotel outside the capital.

The big build up — staying in a hotel for three or four days before the match — only adds to the tension and there's also a tendency for players to over eat when they're away from home.

In fact, we won't even discuss the match until Friday and that's perhaps when the nerves will begin to show.

Personally, I won't feel any nerves at all until I get on the bus that takes us to the stadium. The butterflies reach their peak as you stand opposite the Royal Box and endure the formalities.

But it will be a proud moment for me and my family as I lead out the team as captain of Liverpool.

CLASH OF THE

We'll smash Ray's dream

says GRAEME SOUNESS

Contrary to popular belief, we'll be fielding a side that has less Wembley experience than FA Cup holders Spurs. Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, Mark Lawrenson, Ronnie Whelan and Ian Rush have never played at Wembley in a cup final, but I don't think they'll be

overawed by the occasion.

These lads can play just as well whether they're at Hartlepool or Wembley, so I've got no fears about their temperament on the big occasion.

But there is one word of advice I'd give them. That is: 'Savour every

Regular Match columnists Glenn Hoddle of Spurs and Graeme Souness of Liverpool talk about Saturday's big Wembley showdown in the Final of the League Cup, which will be re-named the Milk Cup next season.

precious moment of the day. It could be your last trip to Wembley.'

No matter how many times you play there, Wembley still has a magic appeal. My only regret on cup final days is that everything goes so quickly.

Last year's Final at Wembley was an anti-climax for us at the end because there was no trophy to present after our 1-1 draw with West Ham.

But I'd settle for the same sort of scoreline again — as long as we won the replay!

It would be lovely to be able to put on a showpiece for the fans, but there's usually too much at stake.

I regard ourselves and Spurs as two of the most entertaining teams in the country. Neither of us has found it difficult to score goals this season, but there won't be much given away at Wembley.

Spurs play a more individual game than us. They tend to rely on certain people to set up the chances, whereas we play a passing game.

Argentines Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa have a tremendous say in the running of the team. They've adapted so well to English football and, alongside Glenn Hoddle, help make up one of the strongest midfields in the country.

Having said that, there's plenty of other players who pose real threats, so we won't be going out and giving any one player special treatment.

It will be unusual to be on the opposing side to Ray Clemence after sharing so many memorable moments with him.

Meeting Liverpool at Wembley must be like a dream come true for the England keeper. I just hope we can upset that!

The news that the Football League had found a sponsor for the League Cup came as quite a surprise to me.

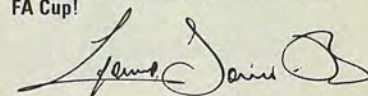
But I'm sure I speak for the rest of the players when I say that the Milk Cup will still be the League Cup to us.

It has been described as a 'Mickey Mouse' tournament in the past, but that's just not true. All 92 League clubs enter and it's as hard to win as the FA Cup.

The FA Cup is the most glamorous and still the most prestigious because it's so steeped in history. It's more than 80 years older than its counterpart.

But I'm sure that in 100 years time, the League Cup will enjoy the same aura.

Now we're in the Final I'm just as determined to win it as I would be the FA Cup!



● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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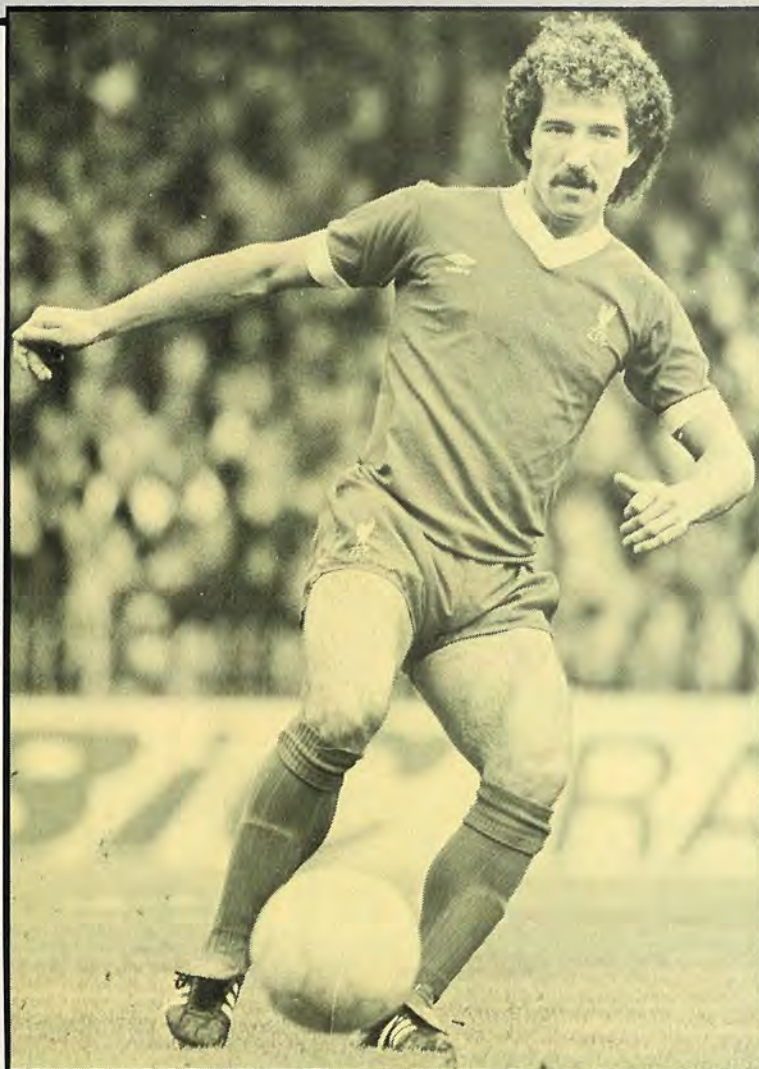
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Glenn Hoddle and Graeme
Souness. Read their views on
the big clash on these pages.



CUP HOLDERS!

It should be a classic says **GLENN HODDLE**

OURSELVES and Liverpool are arguably the two best teams in the country at the moment and, if we both play to our full potential at Wembley, it could produce one of the best League Cup Finals ever seen.

We don't fear anyone and I'm sure Liverpool feel the same way. If both sides can shake off the tension and get down to playing relaxed football early on, it should be a great game.

Spurs have had so many big games leading up to the Final, including our FA Cup-tie at Chelsea and Cup Winners Cup-tie against Eintracht, that we haven't had

time to think about Wembley until now.

I just hope we haven't got any injury problems by the time you read this because it's crucial that we are at full strength for the Final, as it is for any side.

Our preparations for Wembley this time will follow pretty much the same format as they did when we played Manchester City in the FA Cup Final last year.

We'll be going away to our 'lucky' hotel. I say lucky because it's the one we used for the FA Cup Final and have since used for other big cup games.

They look after us so well and we feel so relaxed there that it's like a second home now.

Obviously we'll have had Liverpool watched and, in our final training sessions, we'll be concentrating on ways of combating their moves and creating our own.

Away from the training ground some players will relax by playing cards and others will wind down by watching TV.

The preparation is the same for any big game, but obviously come Saturday morning there will be extra excitement in the air.

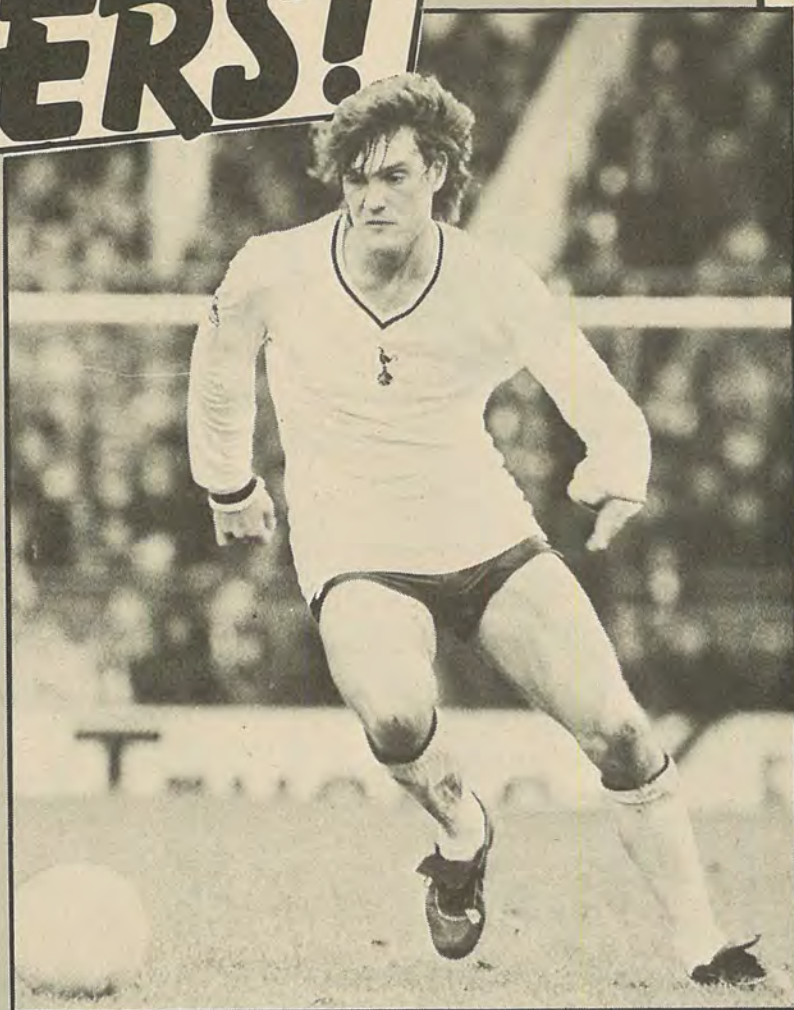
When you start the coach ride to Wembley, it's a very special feeling, especially when you near the stadium and you see all the fans lining the streets.

On the way to the FA Cup Final last year, we were all singing along to our record 'Ossie's Dream' and we may well have another rendering on Saturday.

It's when you walk out onto the pitch and savour the atmosphere inside the stadium for the first time that the occasion really gets to you.

It sends a tingle down your back when you see all your fans and, in our case, a sea of blue and white

Left: Garth Crooks — "now back in super form," says Glenn Hoddle.



scarves.

As for the game itself, I've already said I believe it could be a cracker and obviously we are quietly confident of victory if we play as we know we can.

I hope we've been able to maintain our long unbeaten record because that will serve as a big confidence booster.

In addition, we have more recent experience of Wembley than Liverpool and more of our players have tasted the atmosphere, which has to be a bonus.

Our two styles are different in that Liverpool like to get the ball forward a bit quicker where we have a more patient build up, but I believe we have the edge on individual flair which could be important on the day.

At the same time, we are playing very well as a team too. Everyone knows exactly what everyone else is going to do.

We'll obviously have to watch Liverpool's new front pairing of Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush carefully, but we've got an equally dangerous partnership in Garth Crooks — now back in super form — and Steve Archibald.

Midfield will be an important area to win because both sides are classed as strong in that department.

Defensively, our record speaks for itself this season. I think we've had something like 25 clean sheets and I shouldn't think Liverpool are looking forward to trying to beat Ray Clemence in our goal.

We are yet to play Liverpool in

the League so it's a dream for Ray to be facing his old team for the first time at Wembley!

His opposite number, Bruce Grobbelaar, will be making his Wembley debut and we'll be looking to seek him out as much as possible early on.

I just hope we're still in the FA Cup and have managed to secure a good lead in the European Cup Winners Cup Quarter-Finals.

There's no doubt we were too tense in the first FA Cup Final tie against Manchester City last year and, if we are still in with a good shout in four competitions come Saturday, it must help us relax.

That's not to say we'll be taking things any more easily.

Whilst the FA Cup is bigger than the League Cup in most people's eyes, it's still a Wembley Final and, having tasted success, we are greedy for more.

See you in a fortnight.

Glenn Hoddle

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

● Don't miss England captain Kevin Keegan's Wembley verdict on pages 16 and 17.



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NICHOLL AT THE CROSSROADS



NORTHERN Ireland full-back Jimmy Nicholl fears he
is in danger of becoming one of football's 'forgotten
men'.

Following his return to Manchester United after a
loan spell with Sunderland, Jimmy is now
wondering where his future lies.

He was hoping that his spell at Roker Park would
result in a permanent move from Old Trafford, but
troubled Sunderland couldn't afford the £250,000
fee.

"I feel as though Manchester United have turned
their back on me," says Jimmy, who lost his place
when new manager Ron Atkinson signed John
Gidman at the beginning of the season.

"It's better that I get a move as soon as possible.
My contract at Old Trafford ends in the summer and
I hope to be fixed up before then.

"I've faced the fact that I've got no chance in the
United first team. My fear now is that I'll be
forgotten and get neglected in the reserves."

And that's not the ideal preparation for the World
Cup Finals in Spain.

"It's been a funny old season for me," says Jimmy,
who was in the Northern Ireland team beaten 4-0 by
England at Wembley.

"There's been the euphoria of helping Northern
Ireland qualify for the World Cup Finals and then the
disappointment of losing my place at United."

Jimmy is still hoping that a move to Sunderland
might be revived.

"Although I don't know where I go from here,
there's still a chance I'll end up as a Sunderland
player.

"I'd love to join Sunderland. At the moment it's
just a matter of wait and see."

Where do I go from here? That's what Jimmy Nicholl
appears to be saying as he peers through a snowstorm at
Old Trafford.

Slipping away...

DERBY'S bid to avoid relegation to
the Third Division is not being
helped by their away form.

Their 3-0 defeat at Queen's Park
Rangers on February 20 was their
tenth in a row away from the
Baseball Ground.

And First Division West Ham are
suffering similar problems on their
travels.

Their 2-1 defeat by leaders
Southampton on the same day
was their sixth in succession.

BANKS IS BACK

FORMER England goalkeeper Gordon Banks
is returning to Stoke City to coach
goalkeepers Peter Fox and Eric McManus.

The former Leicester and Stoke star
helped out at Sheffield Wednesday earlier in
the season, working with his ex-England
colleague Jack Charlton.

Commenting on Gordon's latest move,
Stoke boss Richie Barker said: "He was the
best in the business."

FRANK'S BOOSTER

A GOAL from St Mirren's Frank McAvennie
has paved the way for Scotland to reach the
Semi-Finals of the European Under-21
Championship.

He scored the only goal in Italy to give
Scotland a vital 1-0 lead to take into the
home leg later this month.

DOUBLE DUTCH WORRIES

DUTCH forwards Tony Van Mierlo and Bud
Brocken are anxiously awaiting
developments at Birmingham following the
appointment of new manager Ron
Saunders.

The former Aston Villa chief has never
been tempted to join the race for foreign
signings, and instead has relied on
home-grown talent.

Both players have been operating in
midfield roles for Birmingham although Van
Mierlo prefers a forward position.

"I much prefer to play as a striker or given
a free role in attack," he says. "I think my
play has been very restricted by past
policies."

BLACK DAY FOR BLYTH

JIM Blyth, Coventry's Scottish international goalkeeper, had no cause to celebrate his 150th League appearance for the club. His milestone arrived in the match at Liverpool where he was beaten four times to add to the five he conceded against Notts County just a few days before.

BOULTON GOES

THIRD Division Lincoln have cancelled the contract of former Derby goalkeeper Colin Boulton. He broke a leg in August 1980 after playing just four games for the club following his return from Los Angeles. During his long career with Derby, he won two First Division Championship medals.

COURT CALL-UP

YOUNG goalkeeper Colin Court could hardly believe his luck when he was plucked from Andover Reserves to play in the Third Division for Reading.

With regular goalkeepers Steve Death and Ron Fearon unavailable, Reading had to call up the 18-year-old.

But it was not a debut to remember for the youngster who was responsible for the goal that earned Swindon a 1-1 draw.

However, he was not alone. Swindon goalkeeper Jimmy Allan palmed the ball into his own net to present Reading with their goal.

INSIDE FORWARDS!

THIRD Division Bristol Rovers did a stretch inside prison recently. Manager Bobby Gould took his full first team to meet the prison side of Eristoke House who play in one of the local leagues. They went to prison because of their latest find, 20-year-old prison inmate Steven Edwards who has

played for Rovers' reserve team. He has been given special day releases to train at Eastville and hopes to join Rovers on a full time basis later this year. But Steve was unable to prevent Rovers winning 11-0 even though Bobby Gould guested for the prison team in the second half.

Ward's winner

NOTTINGHAM Forest striker Peter Ward returned to Brighton to haunt his former team mates with the only goal in a 1-0 victory.

The £400,000 striker, forming a new partnership with debutant Calvin Plummer, scored a minute before half-time to end a Forest run of five League games without a win.

Ajax ace tempts Saints

DUTCH striker Tscheu La Ling could soon be making his mark in the First Division.

The Ajax forward scored twice in a guest appearance for First Division Southampton in their 4-4 draw with Swedish side Gothenburg at The Dell.

And it could be that 'Saints' boss Lawrie McMenemy might be tempted to bring another Dutchman into the Football League.

The only problem is that he already has his full quota of two foreign players in Yugoslavian internationals Ivan Katalinic and Ivan Golac.

PAGE PARTS COMPANY

OXFORD United have cancelled the contract of former Welsh international midfielder player Malcolm Page.

The former Birmingham player made seven appearances for the Third Division club last season, but hasn't figured in the side this season since October.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck



A hat-trick of honours

A HAT-TRICK of 'Matchman of the Month' winners.

New Liverpool scoring sensation Ian Rush (above) shows off his award for being named the First Division winner in January when he really hit the headlines with his goals.

The second Division honour in January went to young Charlton midfield player Leroy Ambrose, (above right) who is beginning to make a name for himself at The Valley.

And Port Vale manager John McGrath is seen presenting the Fourth Division's November award to his talented young striker Mark Chamberlain (right).



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Geoff Scott — desperate to impress new Birmingham boss Ron Saunders.

DON'T SEND ME BACK!

BIRMINGHAM'S BORROWED DEFENDER GEOFF SCOTT BEGS TO STAY

Match Weekly talks to the loanee who is having to prove he's good enough for a second time . . .



Kevan Broadhurst — Geoff Scott's partner at the centre of Birmingham's defence.

BIRMINGHAM'S borrowed defender Geoff Scott dreads the prospect of a return to Second Division Leicester.

That's why the centre-half is determined to prove, for the second time, that he's the man Birmingham need to help save them from relegation.

Geoff was just 24 hours away from making his loan spell at St Andrews a permanent arrangement when he was shocked by the news that Jim Smith had been sacked as manager.

And now he faces another four weeks of worry as he strives to persuade new boss Ron Saunders to pay out the £70,000 Leicester are asking.

"I don't want to go back to Leicester. I felt I was humiliated there," said Geoff, who joined the Filbert Street club from Stoke two years ago, but has been restricted to just 35 League appearances.

"I've played in the reserves most

of this season and yet here I am at Birmingham holding my own in the First Division.

"Even though I was playing well in Leicester's reserves, I wasn't getting a chance in the first team. Manager Jock Wallace doesn't rate me and we didn't see eye to eye.

"I regret making the move in the first place. If I'd known then what I know now I'd have never left Stoke," said Geoff.

"I was becoming the forgotten man of Filbert Street. It got to such a stage that I was beginning to question my own ability.

"This chance at Birmingham has been like a breath of fresh air to me. I've really enjoyed being back in the top flight and would love to join the club.

"I'm a local boy and all my family come from the city. It would be like a dream come true to pick up the pieces of my career at Birmingham," he added.

Geoff made his debut for Birmingham in their 0-0 draw with

fellow strugglers Middlesbrough and has played alongside Kevan Broadhurst in the centre of Birmingham's defence ever since.

"I was really disappointed when Jim Smith got the sack because he was on the verge of signing me. His departure left me in limbo. I just didn't know what was going to happen to me.

"It's difficult enough playing in the First Division without having that sort of pressure on you.

"But I'm grateful to the new manager for giving me another chance and I'm determined to prove that I'm good enough for the First Division," said Geoff, whose second loan spell finishes at the end of this month.

"The new manager told me that he'd seen me play a couple of times for Leicester, but said he wanted to watch me in a Birmingham shirt.

"I've been happy with my form since I joined. I've found it easier in the First Division than I did in

Leicester reserves.

"The 'Blues' players have been fantastic. They've made me so welcome here," added Geoff.

"I don't think we'll get relegated this season. There are far too many class players here for that to happen.

"Earlier this season, they were taking the goals the defence conceded for granted, because the forwards were scoring at the other end.

"But when the strikers hit a sticky patch and the defence continued letting in goals, it was obvious something had to be done.

"Birmingham never replaced Joe Gallagher when he went to Wolves in the close season and they've suffered for it," said the 24-year-old.

Now Geoff hopes he's the solution to the defensive problem that's seen Birmingham concede more than 41 goals this season.

BIRCH SHAKES OFF MOLINEUX MISERIES



Alan Birch in rare action for Wolves this season — "No-one could believe I wasn't getting a game."

Anthony Hawkswell turns the spotlight on the transfer trail and the dream move that turned sour for striker Alan Birch.

BARNLEY'S new striker Alan Birch claims he wasn't given a chance in the First Division by relegation-haunted Wolves.

Alan talked of his disappointing six months at Molineux after a dream £180,000 move from Third Division Chesterfield at the beginning of the season.

"Once John Barnwell left, I didn't get a chance in the team. Ian Ross took over as caretaker and he didn't rate me, so I spent all my time in the reserves.

"No-one could believe that I wasn't getting a game, especially as things weren't going well on the field."

The final act in Alan's unhappy spell in the Midlands came with the appointment of manager Ian Greaves.

"The new manager told me that the club had financial problems and were going to have to get rid of people. I was one of the players he decided to sell.

Struggling

"It's disappointing because I didn't want to leave Wolves. I'm sure I could have made a success of it, but things were difficult because the team was struggling.

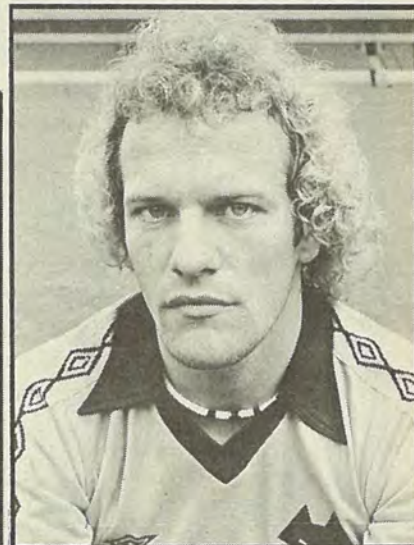
"It was such a magnificent move for me. I never expected it to be such a short one," added Alan, who was sold to Norman Hunter's promotion chasers for £90,000 — half the amount Wolves paid for him.

Even though he was limited to just 13 full League appearances, Alan is still convinced he's good enough to make the grade in the top flight.

"I was quite happy with my form when I did play, even though I played as an out-and-out winger supplying Andy Gray and John Richards. At Chesterfield, I had a free role up front."

That free role saw Alan finish up as Chesterfield's top scorer in the Third Division last season with 22 goals as the club just to get promotion.

..... he hopes to be back



Andy Gray — "I don't give Wolves much chance if they persist in playing him in midfield."

among the goals for Barnsley this season as he reverts to his favourite role.

"Having had a taste of the First Division, I'm hungry to go back. I'll be trying my hardest to help get them up this season," added Alan, who made his debut in the 1-0 home defeat by Norwich.

By a strange twist of fate, Barnsley could replace Wolves in the First Division next season and Alan says: "I can't see my old team getting out of trouble.

"The players seem resigned to relegation. There are a few heads dropping at Molineux and they'll do very well if they avoid relegation.

"I don't give them much chance if they persist in playing Scottish international Andy Gray in midfield. He's needed up front to boost their goal tally.

"They haven't had the best of luck this season. There have been games when results have gone against them when nine times out of ten they'd have got something for it.

"The battles within the club haven't helped either," added Alan, who started his career at Walsall where he made 171 League appearances before moving to Chesterfield.

Alan also believes that Wolves need new blood in the side.

"There are too many players who've been there too long," he said.

"Having said all that, I don't regret moving to Wolves. You can't turn down a First Division club."

SPAIN WON'T WIN IT SAYS ASA HARTFORD

Asa Hartford returned from Scotland's 3-0 defeat at the hands of the World Cup hosts with a message of hope for Northern Ireland.

The Irish face Spain in the opening round of the Finals — along with Honduras and Yugoslavia in Group Five.

And Asa says: "While Spain look to have some very good players, they have their share of average players too."

"I didn't fancy them at the back. They weren't as confident on the ball as you would expect from a Continental side and I think other teams are going to set their defence problems."

Spain have been tipped as possible winners of the World Cup this year — not least because they will be playing on home soil.

But while Asa agrees that, as hosts, Spain have one immediate advantage, he's seen nothing to change the view that Brazil will be the team to beat come June.

"Obviously the hot climate and the majority of fans are going to be on Spain's side, but I can't see them winning it."

"The big centre forward, Satrustegui, looked good in the air against us in our friendly in Valencia."

"And Ufarte, the left winger, was tricky and elusive."

"Gallego came on for the last 20 minutes and scored their third goal. He looked quite useful too."

"And Zamora, the man they are all talking about, didn't play against us. But even with him in the side, I can't see how Spain will be better than Brazil or even Argentina."

Scotland face Brazil in Group Six in the opening round of the Finals and, with Russia in the same group, it's going to be tough for Jack Stein's men.

But Asa suggest Scottish fans shouldn't read too much into the 3-0 friendly defeat in Spain.

"I think anyone who saw the game would agree that our defeat was nothing like as

bad as it looks on paper.

"We had two penalty decisions against us and one of them was dubious."

"When we were only 1-0 down, we had a few good chances to get back into the match and overall we had most of the play."

"But the second penalty knocked us down a bit because we didn't think it should have been given."

"Of course it was a prestige match, especially for Spain, but while we were disappointed in defeat, it wasn't as bad as it looks."

"It gave the manager a chance to experiment a bit and it was good experience for everyone."

SCOTLAND'S first big World Cup warm-up match ended in disappointment and defeat. But the message from the Scottish camp is: 'Don't be fooled by the scoreline'.

"For me, Alan Hansen was our best player. He played a sweeper's role behind the back three and alongside, Colin Todd, I think he's the best player in the country in that position."

"One thing that did worry us was the state of the pitch."

"There were bare patches all over the place and they just covered them with grass cuttings to make it look good for match day."

"It was really bumpy and I certainly hope we get a better playing surface when we go back to Spain for the real thing."

"The temperature was only in the mid-sixties and it's certainly going to be hotter in June."

"Our opening games will be played in Malaga and I remember playing there once



ASA HARTFORD — "Our defeat was nothing like as bad as it looks on paper."

while with Everton a couple of years back. "It's still very warm, even at night, and the big thing that hits you is that there's no breeze whatsoever."

"The climate is obviously going to be an advantage to teams like Spain and the South American sides, but we'll be spending a week in the Algarve before the competition starts to get ourselves acclimatised to the heat."

Scotland's next warm-up match is against Holland at Hampden Park on March 24 and victory in that match would naturally provide the players with an ideal boost.

But the Dutchmen are sure to provide Scotland with another stiff test.

Says Asa: "I thought Holland should have won the World Cup on the last two occasions and it's amazing to think they won't be in the Finals this year."

"It's sure to give us a boost if we can beat them but, in an ideal situation, we don't want to hit our peak form until the Finals begin."



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Above: Nottingham Forest goalscorer Peter Ward (far left) is down but not out as he watches his effort fly into the West Brom net during Forest's 2-1 defeat at The Hawthorns. Albion's Martyn Bennet and Forest's Ian Bowyer look on with goalkeeper Mark Grew beaten.

Left: Stoke striker Lee Chapman (9) is airborne as he slams home his side's second goal in the 2-0 League victory over luckless Middlesbrough at the Victoria Ground. 'Boro goalkeeper Jim Platt can only look back in anguish.



Above: Stand-in defender John Wark is powerless to stop this Kenny Dalglish cracker in Liverpool's 4-0 defeat of Ipswich in the League at Anfield. Kevin Steggles looks on.

Below: Happiness is goal-shaped for these Manchester City players and in particular goalscorer Bobby McDonald (third left). However, City lost the match 2-1 against Southampton at The Dell.



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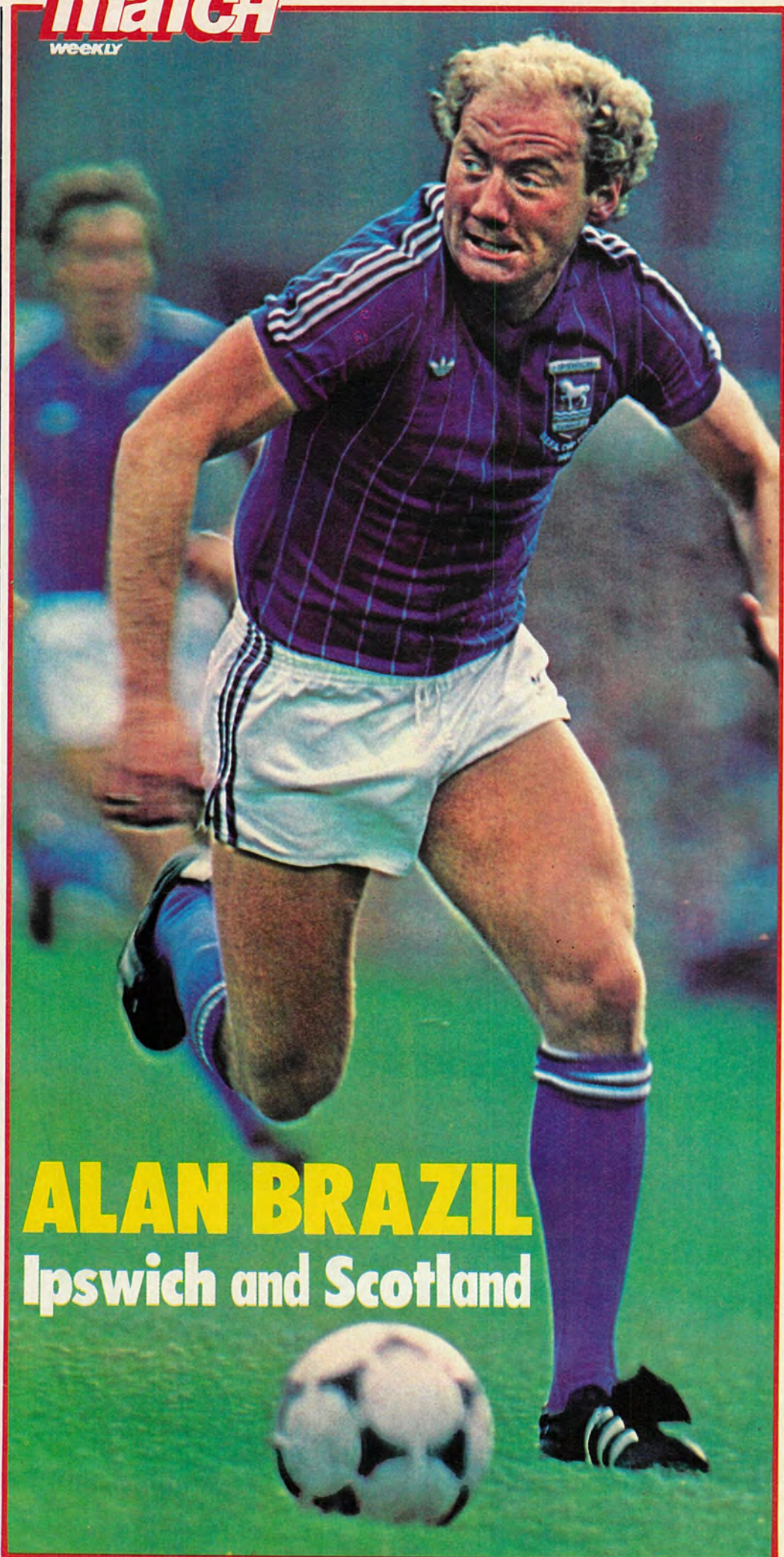


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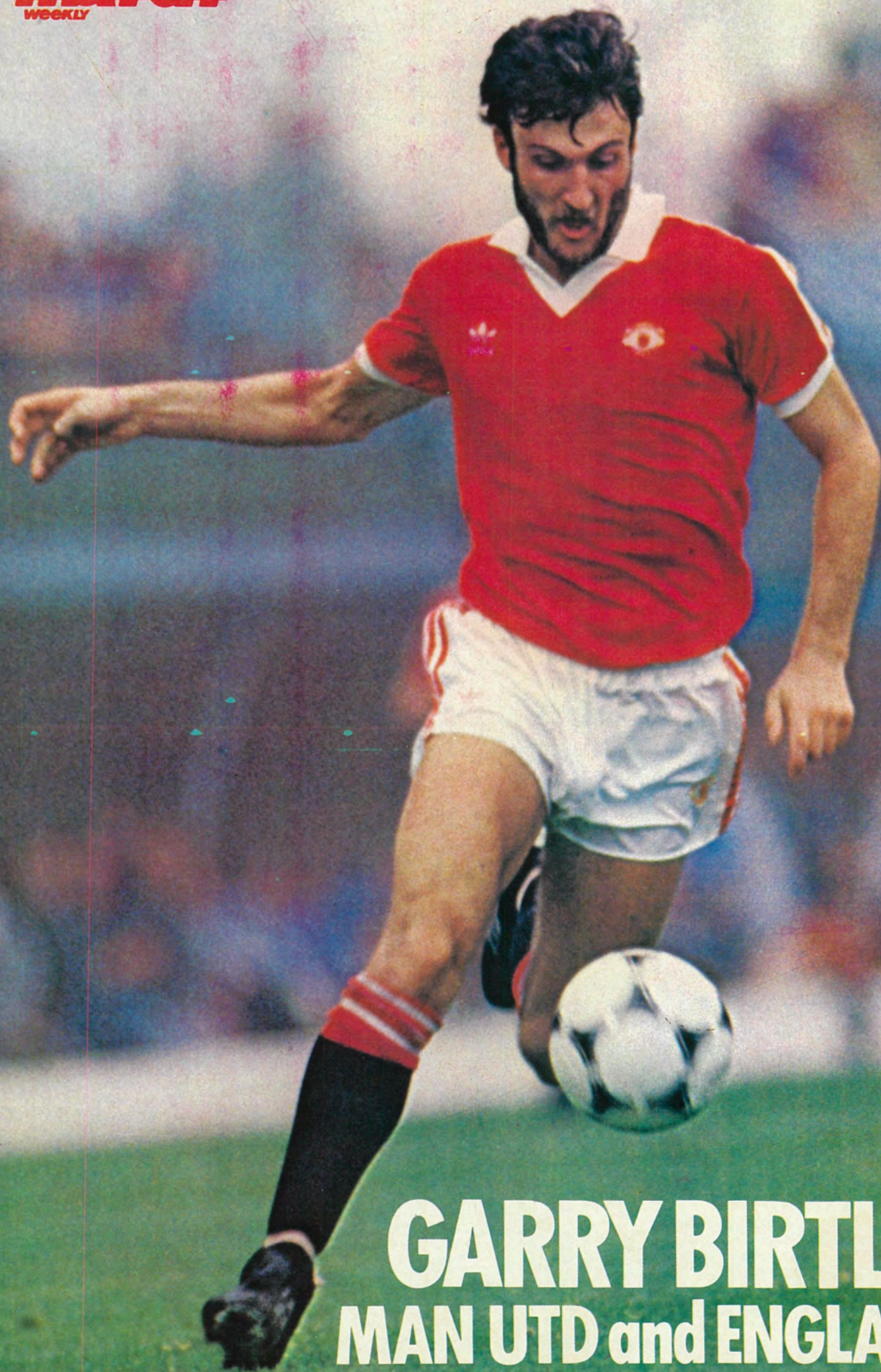
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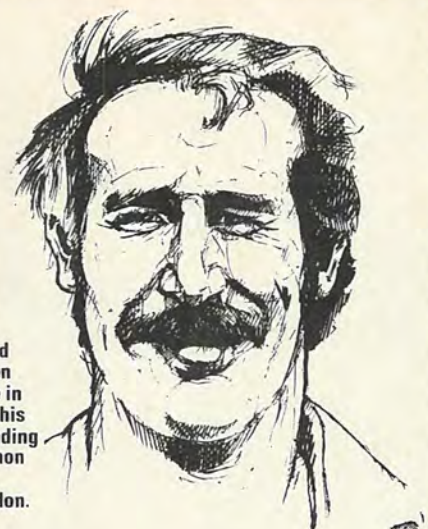
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STAR GALLERY



SHEFFIELD United striker Bob Hatton deserves a place in 'Star Gallery' for his "devastating heading skills," says Simon Avis, of West Wimbledon, London.



ADRIAN Andrews (12), of Burgess Hill, West Sussex, has drawn Stoke striker Lee Chapman. "Lee is brilliant with his head", says Adrian.



TOTTENHAM manager Keith Burkinshaw is "underrated", says Alun Williams (16), of Flackwell Heath, Bucks. "Keith is doing a great job for Spurs," he adds.

I'M 12 years-old and would like a pen pal who supports Spurs.
Siobhan Sullivan, 65 Salisbury Road, Edmonton, London N9.

SUPPORTING Liverpool is my hobby. I'd like a pen pal who lives in my area.
Shane Nicklin (13), 19 Treborth Road, Blaon, Chester, CH1 5RD.

SOUTHEND are my favourite team but I'd like a pen pal who follows either Nottingham Forest or Ipswich.
Mike Staines (12), 411 Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna, Essex, SS3 0LH.

I'D like a pen pal who supports **Sunderland** and is my own age.
Mark Bartle (15), 17 Southfield Close, Hurworth, Near Darlington, County Durham.

I'D like a pen pal of my own age who supports any Third Division team. My favourites are Walsall.
Ann Sargent (16), 4 Himley Close, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 6PX.

CRICKET, golf and supporting **Birmingham** are my hobbies. My favourite groups are Joy Division and Siouxsie and The Banshees. I'd

like a pen pal of my own age.
Neil Hollins (14), 1 Creynolds Close, Cheswick Green, Solihull, West Midlands B90 4EU.

I'M an Arsenal fan and would like a pen pal who lives in West Germany.
Tracy Miller (15), 6 Surrey Crescent, Hill Top, West Bromwich, West Midlands.

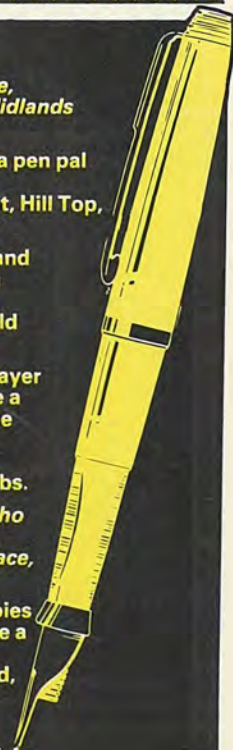
EVERTON are my favourite team and I'd like a pen pal from anywhere in Europe.
Andrew Walsh, 25 Bolan Street, Old Swan, Liverpool, L13 6RE.

KENNY Dalglish is my favourite player and Liverpool my top team. I'd like a male pen pal who follows the same team.
Jill Haddow (17), 37 March Road, Ringsend, Galkirk, Stirlingshire.

I'D like a pen pal of my own age who supports **Falkirk**.
Nigel Baillie (19), 26 Millbank Terrace, Maddiston, Falkirk, Stirlingshire.

SOUL and rock music are my hobbies as well as supporting Spurs. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.
Linda Phillips (15), 51 Hunters Road, Chessington, Surrey.

Pen pals



Injury rocks Cooper's World Cup hopes

RANGERS' Davie Cooper doesn't regard himself as a poor relation to Scotland's first choice wingers John Robertson and Davie Provan.

That's why it came as a sickening blow when injury forced him to withdraw from Scotland's squad for the friendly international in Spain last month.

With Robertson and Provan absent through injury, it seemed certain that the tricky Rangers forward would win his third cap.

But now he wonders whether he'll get another chance to impress manager Jock Stein before the final squad is announced.

"I hadn't given the World Cup Finals a thought at the start of the season," says Davie, who won his last cap as a substitute against Austria in October 1979.

"Both John Robertson and Davie Provan have been doing all right in a winning Scotland team, so I didn't expect any changes.

"But this is not to say that I regard myself as being in the line behind those two players.

"I've got plenty of confidence in my ability and I'm certain I could do just as well as them in a Scotland shirt.

"I was not totally surprised at being included in the squad last month.

"I knew Davie was out and I feel that I'm playing my best-ever football for Rangers.

"I've had injury problems during the past two seasons, but this season I've been playing regularly and well.

"If I keep playing well, then I just have to

hope that Mr Stein gives me another chance, but my main aim at the moment is to help Rangers win the Scottish Cup.

"I shall be trying as hard as I can for them and, if the chance comes with Scotland again, then that will be a bonus.

"I don't plan my football around internationals. In my mind, Rangers come first."

It's the second time in four months that injury has cost Davie a place in the Scottish squad.

He was recalled to the international arena for Scotland's vital World Cup qualifier in Northern Ireland last October, but an ankle injury ruled him out.

This time, it was a groin strain that forced him to withdraw, leaving Scotland without a recognised wide man in the party when they faced the World Cup hosts.

"I was obviously disappointed, but when I was recalled to the squad I didn't rate my chances very highly," says Davie, who scored the equaliser in Rangers' Scottish League Cup victory over Dundee United earlier this season.

"I had been struggling with a groin strain for several weeks, and with Rangers having a hectic schedule, I had no real chance to rest.

"I was getting through games but it took me several days to recover, so after playing against Dundee United on the Saturday, I knew there was no chance of me being 100 per cent fit for the Spain game in midweek."

DAVIE IN THE DOLDRUMS

Davie Cooper — "I feel I'm playing my best football for Rangers."



**No. 10:
Davie Cooper
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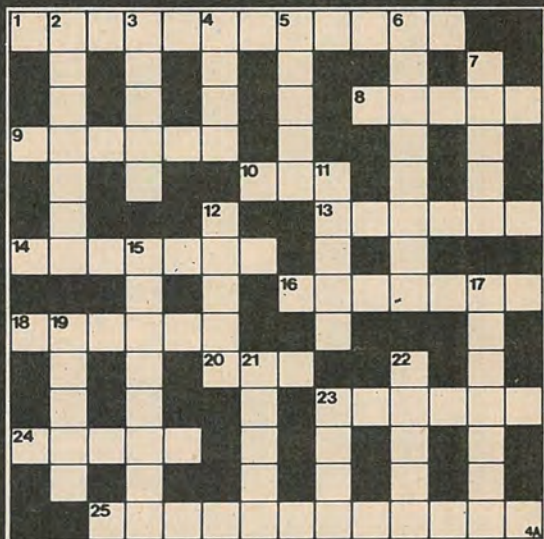
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ACROSS

1. Match Weekly's local club (12)
8. Kilmore, could be (5)
9. One of the countries in England's World Cup Finals group (6)
10. It's often broken in soccer! (3)
13. Doncaster are one of the clubs with this name (6)
14. Stoke's Denis Smith has possibly created a record for being this so many times (7)
16. See 20 across
18. No English club has yet won the '----' by collecting the League title, the FA Cup and the European Cup in the same season (6)
20. & 16. across. Former England midfielder, one of soccer's most successful collectors of medals and trophies, who recently moved to his third First Division club (3,7)
23. The word in the crest of the club to be seen at the City Ground (6)
24. The colour of Airdrie or Ayr (5)
25. 'I design shirt' (anagram) — to fit these midfielders (6-6)

DOWN

2. This club's managers have included Britton, Buchan and Bingham (7)
3. After 300 games for London clubs (Spurs, Millwall and Fulham), this defender switched to Stoke, where he became skipper (5)
4. St Mirren striker Jim — was capped when playing for Norwich City, and he also served Sheffield United whilst he was in England (4)
5. He managed Leeds before Clough (5)
6. Put together a Scottish valley and an English river to produce an Irish League club (8)
7. 'Litre' (anagram) — he has played for Chesterfield, Brighton and Rotherham (5)
11. Plymouth play in it (5)
12. The first name of Nicholas of Wales (5)
15. Like a goalkeeper who has kept a clean sheet (8)
17. Showing this to the referee is a serious offence (7)
19. Alf Ramsey was a famous — back (5)
21. "If a player leans on the shoulders of a team-mate to head the ball, the Referee shall — an indirect free-kick" (Law XII) (5)
22. Richard —, well-known Sheffield United director and Football League and Football Association official (5)
23. Czechoslovakia are in this World Cup Finals group (4)

Match Them Up

CAN you match these Second Division defenders with their proper teams?

A Steve Whitworth
B Dave Watson
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1 Norwich
2 Sheff. Wed.
3 Bolton
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CUP QUIZ

LIVERPOOL defend the League Cup against Spurs at Wembley on Saturday. To celebrate the Final here's a Special League Cup quiz.

1. Who were the first winners of the competition?
2. Which First Division team did Swindon beat in the 1968-69 Final?
3. Which Sheffield Wednesday star played for Southampton against Forest in the 1978-79 Final?
4. Nottingham Forest beat Liverpool in a replayed 1977-78 Final. Who scored the only goal?
5. Who scored Liverpool's winner in last year's Final?
6. Manchester United went out in the First Round this season. Who beat them?
7. Which First Division team ended Watford's Cup hopes this season?
8. Who scored Spurs' winner in this season's Semi-Final?
9. Which Third Division team did Liverpool beat 11-0 on aggregate in the First Round this season?
10. Which team knocked out last year's beaten finalists, West Ham?

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STOP THE

WATFORD caused a couple of FA Cup sensations before they were eventually knocked out of the competition. Here's a shot from one of their Cup matches this season. How much can you remember of the game?

ACTION

- Who were Watford's opponents?
- What was the score?
- Who scored?
- Who are the players in the picture?
- Where was the game played?
- Who eventually knocked Watford out of the FA Cup?

RIDDLE TIME

THIS player began his career with Walsall and is now with his second London club. He won just one cap for England — against Poland in 1974 — while playing for a current Second Division side tipped as one of the promotion favourites this season. Who is he?

Don't miss next week's 'Match' for the answer... and a new riddle.

● The mystery man behind last week's riddle was Stan Bowles (Brentford).

SOLUTIONS

STOP THE ACTION: A — West Ham; B — 2-0; C — Gerry Armstrong and Nigel Callaghan; D (from left) — Alvin Martin, Steve Terry, Gerry Armstrong, Nigel Callaghan, Phil Parkes; E — Vicarage Road; F — Leicester.
SOCCERWORD: Across: 1. Peterborough; 8. Kevin; 9. France; 10. leg; 13. Rovers; 14. injured; 16. See 20 across; 18. trouble; 20 & 16 across: Ray Kennedy; 23. Forest; 24. White; 25. Inside-right; Down: 2. Everton; 3. Evans; 4. Bone; 5. Reave; 6. Glenavon; 7. Tiller; 11. green; 12. Peter; 15. unbeaten; 17. dissent; 19. right; 21. award; 22. Wragg; 23. Four.
CUP QUIZ: 1. Aston Villa (1960-61); 2. Arsenal; 3. Terry Curran; 4. John Robertson; 5. Alan Hansen; 6. Spurs; 7. Ipswich; 8. Mike Hazard; 9. Exeter; 10. West Brom.
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THE KEVIN

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The two sides that walk out on to the Wembley turf will contain just about every ingredient you could ask for in a final.

Both teams are full of exciting personalities, full of goalscoring potential and full of the kind of tradition that brings a special atmosphere to this kind of game.

If I had to pick two teams to fill Wembley at the moment, I'd pick these two. I'm just sorry that Southampton are playing on Saturday because I'd love to be among the full house at Wembley to see it.

Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness and Spurs idol Glenn Hoddle are agreed on one thing — that their two sides are currently the most entertaining in the country. I'll go along with that.

Along with Southampton, they are the sort of teams that people will go and watch on a rainy Saturday afternoon. They're winning and they are doing it in style.

The two teams have yet to meet

in the League this season so there is no real form guide to go on. But I see it as one of the closest Wembley finals for years.

Liverpool have put their game together in a way that has made them favourites with the bookies to win the Championship. They've got all the other top teams looking nervously over their shoulders.

And the biggest compliment you can pay Spurs is simply that they command as much respect as Liverpool.

Both teams are full of household names, but I think it is dangerous to pick stars out of teams like these. The reason they are good is because they are ALL potential match-winners.

Who would have predicted that Alan Kennedy would score the goal that won the European Cup for Liverpool last season?

Naturally, a lot has been said about Hoddle and there is no doubt that if he is on his game, Glenn will take some stopping.

Those big open spaces at Wembley are made for his long penetrating passes and, unlike his England colleagues, front-runners, Crooks, Galvin, Falco and company will know just what he is going to do with the ball.

Inspiration

But if Glenn has an off-day, Spurs still have the likes of Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa, who are both capable of turning a game with a single flash of inspiration. No-one who saw it could forget Villa's mazy dribble and goal against Manchester City in the FA Cup Final.

And don't forget Tony Galvin. I rate him a good player and if I had to pick a man out who is really important to the team, it would be him. If the midfield men are not doing their stuff, if Crooks is not getting the space, Tony is the one who could turn the match.

It's the same with Liverpool. It's said that if you stop Souness playing, you stop the team, but it isn't as easy as that.

What about Ian Rush, who is looking really sharp up front with Kenny Dalglish, Ronnie Whelan, who has a great left foot, and the busy little Sammy Lee? Like Spurs, Liverpool are no one-man band.

There are two players I am particularly pleased for.

Spurs skipper Steve Perryman was being tipped for England when I was starting my career with Scunthorpe. His success levelled off after a while and he has



Left: Tony Galvin — the Tottenham winger could be the man to turn the match at Wembley.

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had to wait until late in his career to get his rewards. I'm delighted for him.

I'm also happy for my old team-mate Ray Clemence. Ray will be out to prove Liverpool were wrong to sell him — or even that they should consider replacing him when they did — and that will add an extra edge to his game.

Cleric knows Wembley and the big-match atmosphere like the back of his hand but I'd bet that on the day, he'll be as nervous as Bruce Grobbelaar, who will be experiencing his first Wembley in the Liverpool goal.

Clem will still be thinking about the two bad goals he conceded against Aston Villa in the Charity Shield and he'll be out to erase them from his memory. His pride will make him want to put in a special performance.

For Bruce Grobbelaar, it will be a great chance to silence the critics. Despite the stick he has taken this season, he has as many clean sheets under his belt as anyone in the country now.



Ronnie Whelan will be one of four Liverpool players experiencing his first Wembley.

Whatever the outcome of the game, both 'keepers are certain to have plenty to do. Liverpool have been scoring freely lately and Spurs too have found no difficulty in hitting the net.

I'm not saying the score will be 4-3 but I think there will be three or four goals and I wouldn't be surprised to see a replay.

Both teams are so evenly matched on current form it is difficult to separate them. Weaknesses are hard to find.

It might surprise most people to learn that as far as playing at Wembley is concerned, Liverpool have the least experience. It will be the first time there for Grobbelaar, Lawrenson, Whelan and Rush and how they will react on the day is yet to be seen. It could give Spurs the edge!

It's also noticeable that Liverpool have faltered on odd occasions this season where they would not normally do so. Remember they are still rebuilding and it is not so easy to produce the consistency they are used to.

If I was Keith Burkinshaw, I would tell my players to test the 'keeper early on and that pace on the ground is likely to be more effective than the high ball.

Lawrenson and Hansen are likely to dominate in the air and, in any case, players like Crooks are best with the ball at their feet.

If I was Bob Paisley, I would simply tell my players to play as a team, to concentrate on the swift passing game they play best.

It's going to be very tight. One little mistake could make the difference between victory and defeat.

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Rush
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v SWANSEA (A) 0-2	7	9	7	8*	8*	7	7	7.57
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Leading scorer in February: Rush 5
Top player: Graeme Souness 8.00
(plus 3 star man awards)
Goals for: 14
Against: 6

TEAM
RATING **7.16**

*Man of the Match

SPURS



Players:
Clemence
Hughton
Miller
Price
Hazard
Perryman
Ardiles
Roberts
Archibald
Galvin
Hoddle
Crooks
Villa
Falco
Dick

v WEST BROM (A) L.C. 0-0	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	6.85
v WOLVES (H) 6-1 (Villa 3, Falco, Crooks, Hoddle (pen))	6	7	7	7	8*	7	6	6.85
v WEST BROM (H) L.C. 1-0 (Hazard)	7	7	8	7	6	7	7	7.00
v ASTON VILLA (H) FAC. 1-0 (Falco)	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7.00
v ASTON VILLA (A) 1-1 (Crooks)	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	6.80
v MAN CITY (H) 2-0 (Hoddle 2 (1 pen))	7	7	7	7	6	8	7	7.00
v STOKE (A) 2-0 (Crooks 2)	7	7	7	7	6	8	7	7.14
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							8	7.50
							6	6.80
							9*	7.85
							8	7.28
							7	8.00
							5	6.20
							7	7.00

Leading scorer in February: Crooks 4
Top player: Ricky Villa 8.00
(plus 4 star man awards)
Goals for: 13
Against: 2

TEAM
RATING **7.06**

*Man of the Match

Reds have it taped!

LIVERPOOL v. SPURS

6.71	Grobbelaar	Clemence	6.85
6.85	Neal	Perryman	7.00
7.28	Kennedy	Hughton	6.85
7.57	Lawrenson	Miller	7.00
7.28	Hansen	Price	7.00
7.00	Lee	Villa	8.00
7.28	Whelan	Galvin	6.80
7.28	McDermott	Ardiles	7.14
8.00	Souness	Hoddle	7.85
7.71	Rush	Archibald	7.50
7.00	Dalglish	Crooks	7.28
79.96	Total	Total	79.27
7.26	Average	Average	7.20

IF current form is any guide, then Liverpool will retain the Football League Cup at Wembley on Saturday.

With the exception of the goalkeepers, where England's Ray Clemence overshadows his Anfield successor Bruce Grobbelaar, Liverpool have the edge in most other departments (see table left).

The marks alongside each player are averages of the ratings they received during February when both teams played seven games (four in the First Division, two League Cup Semi-Final clashes and an FA Cup Fifth Round tie).

And they make fascinating reading . . .

Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness edged out his artistic midfield rival Glenn Hoddle and Terry McDermott shades Argentinian ace Osvaldo Ardiles.

Up front, it's almost evenly balanced, but Liverpool look stronger at the back with new boy Mark Lawrenson the top defender.

The two tables above show how we arrived at our average ratings — giving you each individual mark awarded to the players in the matches played last month.

Swansea salvage Ian's career

Focus on the transfer trail and the move that has given Ian Walsh a new lease of life . . .

SWANSEA manager John Toshack has rescued Welsh striker Ian Walsh from a rut and offered him a First Division lifeline.

Ian admits that he was getting disillusioned with life in and out of the Crystal Palace first team and says: "The move to Swansea couldn't have come at a better time for me.

"I wasn't happy at Palace. I was getting in a rut," added Ian, who joined the First Division new boys in an exchange deal which took fellow Welsh international David Giles to Selhurst Park.

Ian was a member of the young Palace side which stormed to the First Division under manager Terry

Venables in 1978-79 and was hailed as 'The Team of the Eighties'.

But things went horribly wrong last season as the London club finished 13 points adrift at the bottom of the First Division after a campaign littered with boardroom and managerial upheavals.

Although a good run in the FA Cup has helped lift the gloom, Palace are now struggling at the wrong end of the Second Division and face the very real threat of relegation to the Third Division.

"Obviously, when we got promotion and Palace were doing well I was very happy, but last season things started to go wrong and it affected everybody," says Ian.

"The boardroom battles and unrest within the club certainly took its toll, although it would be unfair to put all the blame on that. It was down to the players as well.

"But that's all behind me now and I'm really looking forward to starting afresh in the First Division with Swansea," added Ian, who made his debut as substitute for Leighton James in the Welsh club's 2-0 win at Arsenal.

The 23-year-old, who made his Welsh debut against Eire in 1980, knows however that he'll have to fight for his place in the Swansea first team.

"With Swansea going so well at the top of the First Division, there's no need for the manager to change things, but I've got time on my side.

"Obviously, I want to get into the team as soon as possible but I'm prepared to wait for my chance."

Ian is excited about the prospect of working alongside manager John Toshack — himself a former Wales striker.

"There's so much John can teach me and I'm looking forward to learning. I know I'm good in the air, quite quick and can get into scoring positions. What I need is confidence in front of goal.

"I'm sure that playing alongside stars like former England internationals Ray Kennedy and Bob Latchford will also be good for me. They've played with and against some of the best in the world and their experience is bound to rub off."

Ian also hopes that his move back to Wales will help him reclaim his place in the full international side.

Left: Ray Kennedy — "I'm sure playing alongside people like Ray will be good for me," says Ian.



Ian Walsh — "I was in a rut at Palace."



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UP FOR T



Liverpool full-back Alan Kennedy — scored in the League Cup Final at Wembley last year as the 'Reds' went on to beat West Ham in a replay.



Spurs goalkeeper Ray Clemence — facing his former Liverpool team mates at Wembley.

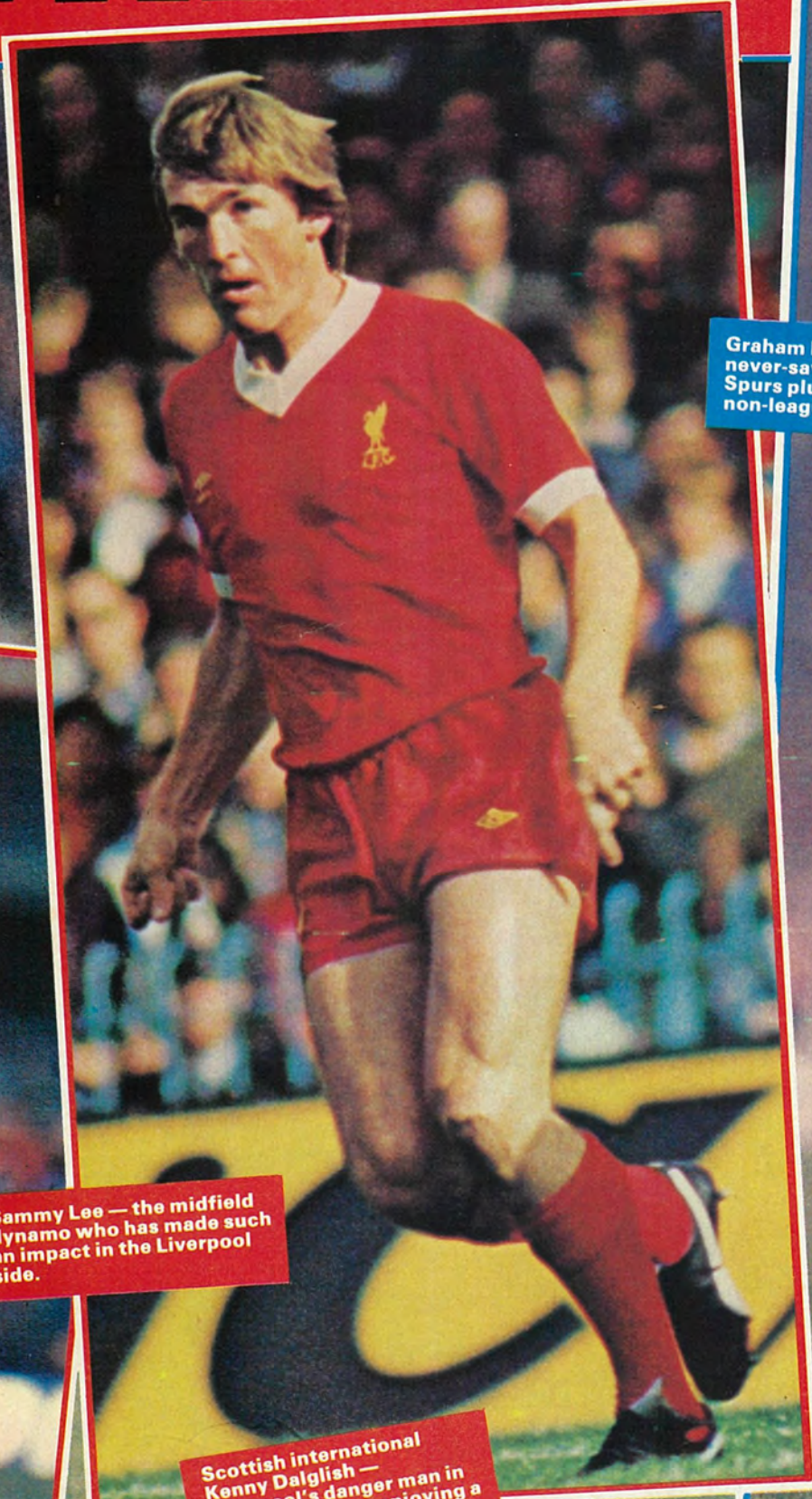


Spurs' Argentinian midfield magician Ossie Ardiles — realising his Wembley dream once more.



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Graham Roberts — the never-say-die defender Spurs plucked from non-league Weymouth.



Sammy Lee — the midfield dynamo who has made such an impact in the Liverpool side.

Scottish international Kenny Dalglish — Liverpool's danger man in the box and now enjoying a new partnership with Ian Rush.

Stratton on Saturday

£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5! In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches, and you can see my opponent's predictions alongside them.

There's a space for your forecasts and a column for the actual result, so just for fun, you can try and beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my guest opponent this week — 'Match' reader Ian Wilkins of Liverpool. Twelve-year-old Ian is a Liverpool supporter and his favourite player is striker Kenny Dalglish.

GOALKEEPER Phil Parkes saved West Ham from being sunk without trace when they last played Notts County.

He produced a string of wonder saves to earn 'Hammers' a point at Meadow Lane as the First Division newcomers blitzed the goal of their more illustrious opponents.

But despite County's performance that day they remained one of the favourites to drop straight back down into Division Two.

After all, it was only the eleventh game of the season and it's common for any newly promoted team to shine early on.

Now however, County's knockers may not feel quite so confident.

The Nottingham club's 3-1 victory over title favourites Ipswich at Portman Road sent shock waves throughout football.

And a 5-1 away victory at Coventry and 4-0 home victory over Wolves four days later backed up the claim that County are back in the First Division to stay... for at least one season anyway.

So when Jimmy Sirrel's men meet West Ham in the League return at Upton Park on Saturday the tables are somewhat reversed.

Suddenly it's West Ham who are finding life tough at the top.

'Hammers' continue to be a hard nut to crack on their own ground

COUNTY back to stay!

however and I take them to win on Saturday... but not by the margin I would have forecast a couple of months ago.

Fed-up Wolves fans were calling for the chairman's head when the 'Wanderers' went down 3-0 at home to Midlands rivals Aston Villa back in October.

They've seen very little to cheer them up since and there's nothing to suggest Wolves can avenge that defeat when they travel to Villa Park on Saturday with the First Division's worst goalscoring record.

Meanwhile England striker Trevor Francis will have his work

cut out to come away from his old club, Nottingham Forest, with anything more than memories.

Manchester City travel to the City Ground having drawn 0-0 with Forest at Maine Road earlier this season.

I've predicted scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can.

As usual there's another fiver at stake in my special challenge against one lucky 'Match' reader (see panel above).

● Bad luck to Kevin Grimmer (my guest opponent in the February 20 issue of 'Match' who drew with me — six points each.

Fixtures

Friday, March 12

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Chelsea.....

Luton v Wrexham.....

DIVISION THREE

Doncaster v Swindon.....

Gillingham v Millwall.....

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Hull.....

Colchester v Halifax.....

Scunthorpe v Wigan.....

Stockport v Rochdale.....

Saturday, March 13

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Ipswich.....

Aston Villa v Wolves.....

Birmingham v Stoke.....

Brighton v Spurs.....

Everton v Middlesbrough.....

Man. Utd v Liverpool.....

Nott'm F. v Man. City.....

So'ton v W.B.A.....

Sunderland v Leeds.....

Swansea v Coventry.....

West Ham v Notts Co.....

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Grimsby.....

Cambridge v Bolton.....

Charlton v Orient.....

Derby v C. Palace.....

Leicester v Q.P.R.....

Norwich v Watford.....

Oldham v Sheff. Wed.....

Rotherham v Newcastle.....

Shrewsbury v Cardiff.....

DIVISION THREE

Brentford v Chesterfield.....

Bristol C v Lincoln.....

Chester v Plymouth.....

Fulham v Burnley.....

Huddersfield v Bristol R.....

Newport v Portsmouth.....

Oxford v Southend.....

Preston v Exeter.....

Walsall v Carlisle.....

Wimbledon v Reading.....

DIVISION FOUR

Bury v Bournemouth.....

Crewe v Mansfield.....

Darlington v Hereford.....

Port Vale v Blackpool.....

Sheff. Utd v Bradford.....

Torquay v Hartlepool.....

Tranmere v Northampton.....

York v Peterborough.....

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

Airdrie v Dundee.....

Dundee Utd v Partick.....

Hibernian v Morton.....

Rangers v Aberdeen.....

St Mirren v Celtic.....

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v Motherwell.....

Dumbarton v Clydebank.....

Falkirk v Dunfermline.....

Hamilton v St Johnstone.....

Queen of Sth v Hearts.....

Queen's Park v East Stirling.....

Raith v Kilmarnock.....

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Montrose.....

Berwick v Albion R.....

Brechin v Alloa.....

Clyde v Stenhousemuir.....

Cowdenbeath v Forfar.....

East Fife v Meadowbank.....

Stirling A v Stranraer.....

*Does not include any rearranged fixtures.

MATCH Saturday, March 13

MY
FORECAST

GUESTS
FORECAST

YOUR
FORECAST

RESULT

Aston Villa v Wolves

2-0

2-0

Nott'm F. v Man. City

2-1

1-1

West Ham v Notts Co

2-1

2-1

Oldham v Sheff. Wed.

1-0

2-2

Rotherham v Newcastle

3-1

2-1

Preston v Exeter

2-0

3-1

Wimbledon v Reading

1-1

0-2

Darlington v Hereford

2-1

1-1

Sheff. Utd v Bradford

1-0

1-1

Rangers v Aberdeen

2-0

2-1

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL

YOURSELF

AGGREGATE SCORES CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

PAUL

YOURSELF

Bruce has the last laugh

LIVERPOOL'S Bruce Grobbelaar has been written off more times this season than hard-up Bristol City.

Since taking over from former Liverpool favourite Ray Clemence at the beginning of the season, Bruce has frequently been criticised for 'erratic' performances in the Anfield goal.

But now it's the Zimbabwe international's turn to have the last laugh as he faces Spurs in the League Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday.

"It was very difficult for me when the media were trying to shove me down all the time," admitted Bruce.

"I had an erratic start and the Press got on my back. Fortunately I didn't let it bother me and I feel I've bounced back and proved them wrong.

"Ray Clemence suffered similar problems in his early days at Spurs, but he had the experience to get over it more quickly than I did.

"After everything that's happened this season, it's tremendous to think that I'm going to Wembley in my first full year as a Liverpool player."

Bruce watched from the sidelines last season as Liverpool lifted the trophy for the first time in their history.

"The players are really determined to retain the trophy. When you win a cup, there's a lot of pride at stake to retain it."

The Liverpool line-up against Spurs will show a couple of important changes from the victorious Villa Park side of last season.

Skipper Phil Thompson can't command a regular place and gone, of course, are Ray Clemence, Ray Kennedy and Jimmy Case.

But Bruce reckons that he and fellow newcomers Ronnie Whelan and Mark Lawrenson will rise to the big occasion and won't let their inexperience show.

"The bigger the occasion, the better the players will perform. I love the big match atmosphere and I'm sure it will lift us."

But Bruce, who was signed from Vancouver Whitecaps for £250,000 last season, knows

Focus on the League Cup Final and the Liverpool goalkeeper who will be making his first Wembley appearance...

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that Spurs won't be an easy team to beat.

"They are the cup side in form at the moment. No side in the First Division is easy, but I rate Spurs as one of the best.

"They showed how dangerous they are last season when they won the FA Cup, but they've added consistency to their game since they bought my old club-mate Ray Clemence.

"He's added stability to the defence and that's why they are still well in the hunt for four major honours this season."

But the players former Crewe star Bruce admires most, are Tottenham's Argentinian imports Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles.

"They add an exciting dimension to Spurs' style of play. Anything can happen when they've got the ball.

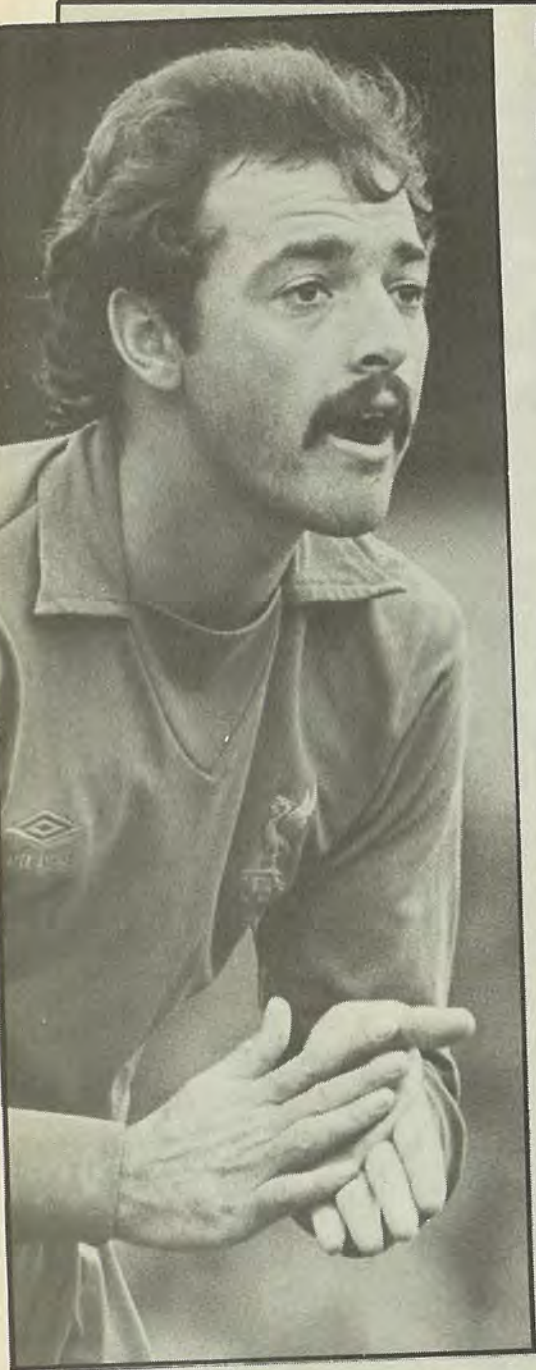
"Glenn Hoddle is very much in the same mould and we are going to have our hands full dealing with their talented midfield," said Bruce.

As well as the League Cup, Liverpool are still well placed to retain the European Cup and remain a good outside bet for their 13th First Division title.

"It's important that we don't place too much emphasis on one particular prize otherwise that could spell disappointment," says Bruce.

"At the moment, it's so important that we play to the best of our ability in each game."

● Turn to page 39 for a spotlight on Spurs' goalkeeper Ray Clemence — the man Bruce Grobbelaar replaced at Anfield.



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AUSTRIA IN MANAGER WRANGLE

A GREAT struggle is going on to decide who will be the Austrian manager during the World Cup Finals.

The hot favourite to replace Karl Stotz, who left after falling out with the President of the Austrian FA is Ernst Happel, formerly in charge of Holland.

However, Happel's current employers, Hamburg, challenging for the German championship, are not willing to let him take up the international post at the same

time as running the club.

As a club spokesman put it: "How can he pass in just a few days from managing the German internationals at Hamburg to planning how to beat them for Austria?"

And so Austria now appear likely to be without settled management when the Finals begin.

Other candidates for the job are Helmut Senekowitch and Hermann Stessl.

Hosts hammer out warning

WORLD Cup hosts Spain issued a warning to the rest of the finalists with a comfortable 3-0 defeat of Scotland in Valencia.

Spain manager Jose Santamaria has already stated in one of his country's magazines that they will win the World Cup for the first time.

And in the defeat of Scotland they showed that they will be one of the major forces in the Finals.

But it was not until the last six

minutes that the Scottish hopes were finally buried by two goals.

Victor put Spain ahead in the first half, following up a Quini penalty kick that was saved by Alan Rough.

Spain scored from a second penalty six minutes from time through Quini and Gallego rounded matters off two minutes later.

Spain are taking no chances in their preparations for the Finals.

They have arranged two more friendly games to their build-up programme which includes high altitude work in the Pyrenees.

They face Wales on March 24 and Switzerland on April 28.



FRANCE IN FORM

FRANCE, England's first opponents in the World Cup Finals, hammered out a warning with a 2-0 friendly victory over Italy in Paris.

Michel Platini (above) and Daniel Bravo scored the goals that gave France their first victory over Italy since the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp.

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Maradona in money wrangle

RUMOURS in Argentina are that Boca Juniors may have to sell the brilliant Diego Maradona to Barcelona via his old club Argentinos Juniors to stop both the Argentinian teams going bankrupt.

The young striker is at the centre of a row that could save the clubs because Boca have not yet paid up the transfer fee, and Argentinos have no money to pay their players' wages.

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NORTH EAST FOOTBALL SPECIAL REPORT



AFTER highlighting the problems of relegation-haunted Sunderland and Middlesbrough last week, Match turns the spotlight on Newcastle United, who are ready to return to the top flight. Keeper Kevin Carr assesses their chances and talks of the pressure on the players.

Geordie giants are stirring

SLEEPING giants Newcastle are ready to wake up and become a football power once again.

The once-mighty 'Magpies' are on the fringe of the Second Division promotion battle and providing the North East's only bright spot this season as Middlesbrough and Sunderland fight desperately for their lives in the top flight.

"We've got ourselves in a fairly healthy position. It's up to us to grab the chances," said their 23-year-old 'keeper Kevin Carr.

Being a local lad — he was born in Ashington — Kevin knows just how much football means to the people of the North East and it hurts him to see the area so depressed.

"The fans live for football up here but in recent years everyone has been down in the dumps. They haven't had that much to cheer about. We'd love to bring back the smile to their faces.

"The area deserves a successful team. It would be a shame next season if Middlesbrough, Sunderland and ourselves were all in the Second Division.

"We're getting an average crowd of around 20,000 this season at St James' Park. I know they'd flock back in their droves if we were in the top flight.

"I remember the days when derby matches against Sunderland used to bring in about 60,000. It would be great to see that happen again."

But Kevin — a lifelong Newcastle fan — knows that his team face a tough task if they are to go up this season.

"We're a 'Jekyll and Hyde' team. We've got one of the best home records in the Second Division and yet we can't convert that form when we visit other clubs."

Up to their 3-0 defeat at Leicester, Newcastle had been beaten just once at home, while they'd won only twice away.

"If we are to be serious contenders, we can't keep going to places and losing. I suppose we miss our fanatical support — although we get a lot of travelling fans.

"At home, the fans are worth at least two more men on the field. They

are an inspiration to us," said Kevin.

The current Newcastle players have to live with the ghost of the past continually haunting them. Kevin admitted: "People are always coming up to us and talking about the glory days.

"They love to remind us of the legendary cup-winning sides of the 1950s and the team which won the Fairs Cup. But it's something we've got to put to the back of our minds.

"Because of the great past, the fans on the terraces sometimes get very frustrated. Their attitude can destroy players.

"But if we can win promotion, we'll have earned our own place in the record books," he added.

Newcastle haven't been in the First Division since 1978 and Kevin played nine games in that disastrous year for the famous club.

Clear-out

"I was only 18 and very naive at the time but I still remember the feeling of despondency in the area when we went down.

"Since then, there's been a complete clear-out of personnel. We've had a couple of managers and only myself and fellow 'keeper Steve Hardwick remain on the playing staff.

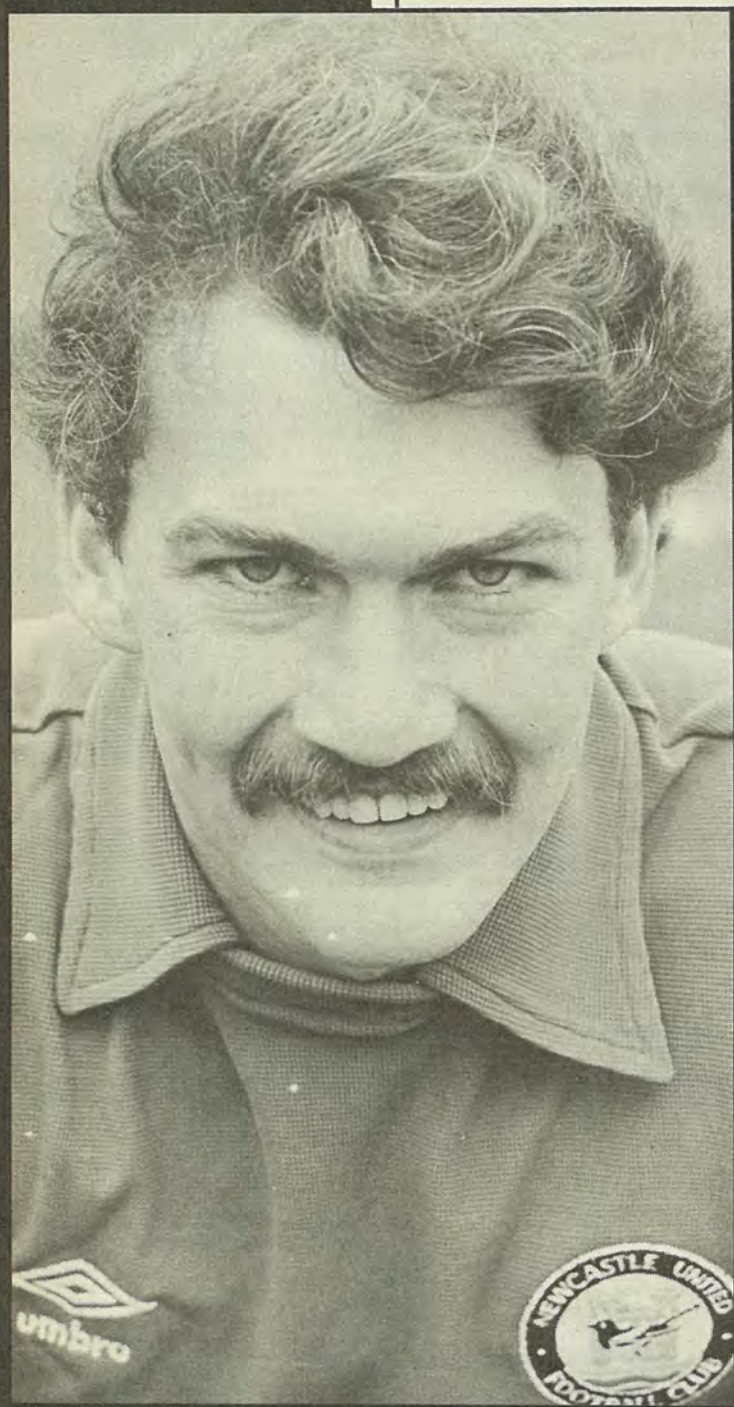
"The new manager has put a lot of emphasis on youth — and I believe that if we were to go up, we could hold our own in the First Division.

"The progress of Swansea in their first season in the top flight gives every promotion challenging team the incentive they need.

"Newcastle are big enough to be a First Division club and that's where they belong."

One of the proudest moments of Kevin's career came last season when he picked up the Newcastle United Player of the Year award.

"As a local lad, that meant everything to me. I can't put into words my feelings when I received the honour. I just hope I can go one better and help the club back into the First Division."



NEWCASTLE'S RECORD

NEWCASTLE'S League placings over the last nine seasons:

Season	Division	Position
1972-73	One	7th
1973-74	One	14th
1974-75	One	14th
1975-76	One	15th
1976-77	One	5th
1977-78	One	21st
1978-79	Two	8th
1979-80	Two	9th
1980-81	Two	11th

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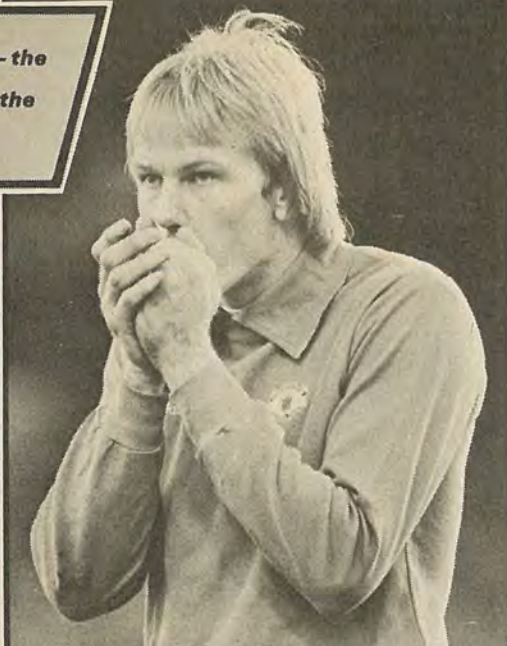
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TOP STOPPERS



THE challenge to unseat Manchester United's Gary Bailey as the First Division's 'Top Stopper' is already fading.

While the England 'B' international has improved his impressive record during the past month, the South Coast threat from Brighton's Graham Moseley and Southampton's Ivan Katalinic has dramatically waned.

Brighton's crushing 4-0 defeat at Manchester City dented Moseley's record, while Alan Brazil shattered Katalinic's hopes with his five-goal blast for Ipswich.

With Pat Jennings stationary in second spot having been sidelined through injury, United's Bailey, last season's winner, has increased his lead.

He conceded only 13 goals in his first 22 First Division matches which meant he let in one goal, on average, every two and a half hours.

Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar has moved up to joint third place, while his Anfield predecessor, Tottenham's Ray Clemence, is also mounting a challenge.

But for the moment Gary Bailey is looking invincible — at a time when he hopes to land a place in the England squad for Spain.

Paul Barron is still leading the way in the Second Division despite Crystal Palace's relegation problems, but there have been changes in the lower sections.

Southend's John Keeley is the new pacemaker in the Third Division, having overhauled Chesterfield's John Turner, while Bournemouth's Ian Leigh tops Division Four, having conceded just 13 goals in 19 games.

Incidentally, both Keeley and Leigh began the season as reserve players, but both have taken full advantage of injuries to first choice keepers Mervyn Cawston at Southend and Ken Allen at Bournemouth.

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DIVISION ONE

	Games	Gl's	Mins played per goal
1 Gary Bailey (Man. United)	22	13	152
2 Pat Jennings (Arsenal)	16	12	120
3 Graham Moseley (Brighton)	24	22	98
3 Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)	24	22	98
5 Ray Clemence (Tottenham)	22	22	90
6 Ivan Katalinic (Southampton)	17	18	85
7 Joe Corrigan (Man. City)	25	29	78
8 Peter Shilton (Nott'm Forest)	25	30	75
9 Peter Fox (Stoke)	24	30	72
10 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	26	33	71
11 Dai Davies (Swansea)	26	34	69
12 Jim Arnold (Everton)	16	22	65
12 Phil Parkes (West Ham)	21	29	65
14 Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	22	32	62
15 Jim Platt (Middlesbrough)	24	36	60
15 Barry Siddall (Sunderland)	22	33	60
17 Raddy Avramovic (Notts County)	25	39	58
18 John Lukic (Leeds)	22	35	57
19 Paul Bradshaw (Wolves)	26	44	53
20 Jim Blyth (Coventry)	26	49	48

DIVISION TWO

1 Paul Barron (C. Palace)	22	18	110
2 Terry Gennoe (Blackburn)	28	26	97
3 Jake Findlay (Luton)	16	15	96
4 John Burridge (QPR)	20	19	95
5 Bobby Horn (Barnsley)	26	25	94
5 Kevin Carr (Newcastle)	25	24	94

DIVISION THREE

1 John Keeley (Southend)	16	13	111
2 Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	25	24	94
2 Gerry Peyton (Fulham)	26	25	94
4 John Turner (Chesterfield)	27	26	93
4 Ron Green (Walsall)	27	26	93
6 Roy Burton (Oxford)	25	26	87

DIVISION FOUR

1 Ian Leigh (Bournemouth)	19	13	132
2 Keith Waugh (Sheff. United)	27	23	106
3 Neil Freeman (Peterborough)	22	19	104
4 Neil Ramsbottom (Bradford)	15	14	96
5 Vince O'Keefe (Torquay)	28	28	90
5 Iain Hesford (Blackpool)	22	22	90

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Jim McArthur (Hibernian)	22	19	104
2 Hamish McAlpine (Dundee Utd)	18	17	95
3 Jim Leighton (Aberdeen)	19	19	90
3 Pat Bonner (Celtic)	20	20	90

(Tables compiled from League matches up to and including those played on February 24. In England, only goalkeepers who have played at least 15 games qualify.)

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Gary Jernsterle, Windsor, Berkshire.

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Michael McAreavey, Skene, Aberdeenshire.

● MORE money than it would take to get Laker Airways flying again. You're booked for trying to put a price on genius!

DON'T CRY FOR IPSWICH

I'M outraged at the sympathy shown towards Ipswich. A couple of their players get injured, they lose a few games, and everyone feels sorry for them.

The truth is that Ipswich have a weak squad.

Philip Keys, Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk.

● A COUPLE of injuries? Ipswich's casualty list reads: Osman, Butcher, Gates, Mariner, Brazil, Thijssen, Muhren . . . losing so many first team players would cripple any team. You're booked.

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Greg Littlewood, Woodborough, Notts.

Gold, Rush!

I COULD hardly believe it when Ian Rush took over from David Johnson as striking partner to Kenny Dalglish in the Liverpool forward line.

But I have been pleasantly surprised. Rush has improved tremendously and has formed a lethal partnership with Dalglish.

Rush gets my vote for Player of the Year for 1982!

Altat Khan, Bolton, Lancashire.

BACK THE BOSS!

BRITISH football has been shocked by the resignation of Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders.

But this shows just how much football club chairmen are interfering with the duties of their managers.

Boardroom politics caused John Barnwell's departure from Wolves as well as Saunders' resignation. And these are two good, honest bosses.

Dave Webb of Bournemouth is the latest manager to be involved in a rumpus. Fortunately, his chairman Harold Walker had the sense to get him back and promise to steer clear of managerial issues.

Let's hope that other League chairmen take note

of what happened at Villa Park, Molineux and Dean Court and let managers get on with what they are paid to do.

David Crouch (15), Wombourne, Wolverhampton.

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Swansea's Gary Stanley — he's in David Drewry's ex-Everton team to beat the best.

Ex-Everton aces

HERE'S a team of ex-Everton players that would take a lot of beating:

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David Drewry (14), Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Souness must lead Scots

THE days of Asa Hartford as Scotland skipper are numbered. The man to lead Scotland in the World Cup Finals is Graeme Souness.

Since Souness took over the captaincy of Liverpool, the Reds have won a League Cup Final place and have shot up the League.

Graeme's leadership has been inspirational, and this fact won't have gone unnoticed by Scotland boss Jock Stein.

Jim Cook, Brandon, Suffolk.



Asa Hartford — his days as Scotland skipper are numbered says Jim Cook.

A STRIKING DEFICIENCY

WHY on earth do Sunderland persist in trying to sign defenders?

There's nothing wrong with the Sunderland defence, but manager Alan Durban has bought Ian Munro from Stoke and tried to sign Jimmy Nicholl and Mick Mills.

Durban should concentrate on his attack. Apart from big-hearted Stan Cummins, Sunderland haven't got a First Division class forward.

Durban must buy a top class striker now. Or it may be too late to stop them sliding into the Second Division.

Martin Anderson, East Herrington, Sunderland.



Stan Cummins — Sunderland's only First Division class forward, says Martin Anderson.

I'M FOR SUMMER SOCCER

IT'S time football faced up to the crisis ahead and did something positive to combat dwindling attendances.

I would introduce summer football, scrap the offside law and abolish back-passes to goalkeepers.

Martin Thomas (11), Bury, Lancashire.

Ban blunder

I AM angry that the FA have lifted their ban on Chelsea fans travelling to away League games.

I went to the Derby v Chelsea match and the behaviour of the Chelsea fans was shocking.

If these hooligans are allowed to travel the country unchecked, ultimately the League will crack down and Stamford Bridge will be closed.

Sam Easton, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

Terrace Talk All-Stars

USING the eleven letters of "Terrace Talk", I have compiled this Terrace Talk International XI:

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FOR the second successive time, a Liverpool player is Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month'.

Following in the footsteps of young Welsh striker Ian Rush is Liverpool skipper and midfield inspiration Graeme Souness.

The Scottish maestro earned some outstanding ratings, including a maximum mark of ten for his performance in the 4-0 crushing of Ipswich.

Ipswich striker Alan Brazil also collected a 'maximum' for his five-goal show against Southampton, but still had to settle for second place behind his Scottish international colleague.

Ironically, Manchester United's reserve defender Jimmy Nicholl earned a share of second place for three outstanding performances while on loan to Sunderland.

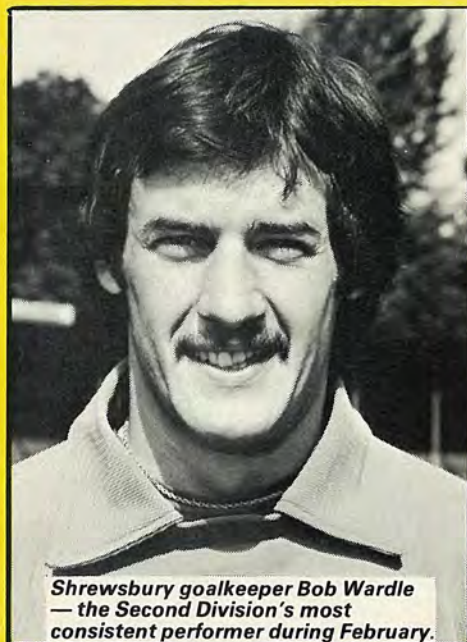
January winner Ian Rush also topped the eight mark for the second successive month to underline his dramatic progress.

WARDLE'S A WIZARD

BOB Wardle, goalkeeper of FA Cup giant-killers Shrewsbury, had a brilliant month for the Second Division side.

He received the star rating in four of their five League matches to finish with an impressive average mark of 8.40, easily the top mark in the lower divisions.

He finished ahead of Orient new boy Colin Foster, with Charlton's Paul Walsh, Blackburn's Noel Brotherston and Luton's Colin Stein sharing third place.



Shrewsbury goalkeeper Bob Wardle — the Second Division's most consistent performer during February.

DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Average
Graeme Souness (Liverpool)	4	8.50
Alan Brazil (Ipswich)	3	8.33
Jimmy Nicholl (Sunderland)	3	8.33
Ian Rush (Liverpool)	4	8.00
Billy Bonds (West Ham)	5	7.80
Trevor Francis (Man. City)	4	7.75
Mark Lawrenson (Liverpool)	4	7.75

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DIVISION TWO

Player	Games	Average
Bob Wardle (Shrewsbury)	5	8.40
Colin Foster (Orient)	3	8.33
Noel Brotherston (Blackburn)	4	8.00
Paul Walsh (Charlton)	4	8.00
Colin Stein (Luton)	3	8.00
Steve Spriggs (Cambridge)	5	7.80

KING BILLY

AFTER a tight-run race, Chesterfield's Billy Wilson has lifted the Third Division honour.

He finished with the same average mark, 7.66, as Southend defender Dave Cusack.

Both achieved four star ratings in six matches, but Wilson had two marks of nine during the month while Cusack never went above eight.

DIVISION THREE

Player	Games	Average
Billy Wilson (Chesterfield)	6	7.66
Dave Cusack (Southend)	6	7.66
Keith Houghton (Carlisle)	6	7.50
Peter Hart (Walsall)	6	7.50
Chris Kamara (Brentford)	4	7.50

COOKE SERVES UP THE GOALS

ROBBIE Cooke's goalscoring exploits for Peterborough have earned him the Fourth Division accolade.



During last month, he scored nine goals in five games including a hat-trick against Hartlepool — his second of the season.

But he only just pipped Darlington defender Kevan Smith by virtue of four star ratings to three.

With an average mark of 7.83, they finished well ahead of Colchester goalkeeper Mike Walker.

● Fourth Division 'Matchman of the Month' Robbie Cooke is featured on page 37 of this week's issue.

DIVISION FOUR

Player	Games	Average
Robbie Cooke (Peterborough)	6	7.83
Kevan Smith (Darlington)	6	7.83
Mike Walker (Colchester)	5	7.60
Osher Williams (Stockport)	7	7.57
Terry Park (Stockport)	7	7.57

SANDY STRIKES THE TOP

AIRDRIE'S top scorer Sandy Clark proved the outstanding player in the Scottish Premier Division last month.

His average mark of 8.00 left him ahead of Aberdeen defender Willie Miller and Dundee United's midfield player Eamonn Bannon.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Player	Games	Average
Sandy Clark (Airdrie)	3	8.00
Willie Miller (Aberdeen)	4	7.50
Eamonn Bannon (Dundee Utd)	4	7.50
Kenny Watson (Partick)	5	7.40

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- 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★★ Good value
- ★★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

Sunday, Feb. 28

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
BRADFORD (2) 2 (McNiven 30, 45)
 Att: 2,721
 Aldershot: Johnson 5, Edwards 5,
 ★WOOLER 8, Wanklyn 6, Bennett 6,
 Sanford 6, Lucas 5, McDonald 6, Garwood 5,
 French 5, Robinson 7 (sub. Brodie 6).
 Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 7, Watson 7,
 Ingham 6, Cooke 6, McFarland 7, Gallagher 7,
 Stanforth 8, Campbell 8, ★MCNIVEN 9, Ellis
 7 (sub. Lester).
 Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Speedie 10, 56, 81)
YORK (1) 1 (Aitken 3)
 Att: 3,212
 Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 7, Wilson 6,
 Smith 7, Skipper 7, ★SPEEDIE 9, Stalker 6,
 McLean 6, Hawker 7, Hamilton 6, Walsh 7.
 York: Blackburn 5, Hood 6, Richards 6, Kay 5,
 Czuczman 7, Aitken 6, Stanley 6, Crosby 7,
 Walwyn 6, ★FORD 8, Laverick 7.
 Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
CREWE (0) 1 (Howat 47)
 Att: 2,591
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 6, Pilling 6 (sub.
 Duncan 6), Keeley 5, Dall 6, Oates 6,
 ★ARINS 8, Telfer 6, Grimes 6, Moss 7,
 Stewart 5.
 Crewe: ★MULHEARN 8, Lewis 7, Griffiths
 6, Salathiel 6, Scott 7, Palios 6, Haslegrave 7.

Callaghan 6, Chesters 6, Howat 7, Williams 6.
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
 Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Mar. 2

Division One

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Stille 17)
LEEDS (0) 0
 Att: 12,857
 Brighton: Moseley 7, Stevens 8, Nelson 7,
 Grealish 6, Foster 6, Gattling 6, Case 6,
 ★RITCHIE 9, Robinson 6, Stille 7, Thomas 7.
 Leeds: ★LUKIC 8, Cherry 7, Gray, F 6,
 Greenhoff 6, Hart 7 (sub. Flynn 6), Burns 7,
 Harris 6, Graham 6, Butterworth 6, Connor 7,
 Hird 7.
 Referee: M. Taylor (Deal)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Devonshire 39, Van der
 Elst 63)
IPSWICH (0) 0
 Att: 24,846
 West Ham: ★PARKES 8, Stewart 6, Brush
 6, Bonds 6, Orr 6, Devonshire 7, Allen 6,
 Goddard 6, Van der Elst 7, Brooking 6, Pike 6.
 Ipswich: ★COOPER 7, Burley 6, McCall 6,
 Mills 6, Osman 6, Steggle 5 (sub.
 O'Callaghan 6), Wark 6, Muhren 6, D'Avray 6,
 Brazil 6, Gates 6.
 Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters, pen 86)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Henry 42)
 Att: 6,525
 Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6 (sub. Steeples),
 Crombie 6, Waters 7, Wigginton 7, Moore, K
 6, Beacock 6, Ford 5, ★DRINKELL 8,
 Mitchell 5, Broly 5.
 Bolton: ★MCDONAGH 8, Whitworth 6,
 Nicholson 7, Henry 7, Jones 6, Doyle 6,
 Chandler 6, Foster 7, Gowling 7, Cantello 7,
 Thompson 6.
 Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (2) 3 (Young 41, Lineker 44, 76)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 Att: 12,497
 Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Friar 5,
 Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 7, ★LYNEX 8,
 Lineker 7, Young 7, Wilson 7, Kelly 6 (sub.
 Melrose 6).
 Newcastle: ★CARR 8, Brownlie 6,
 Saunders 5, Trewick 5, Carney 6, Haddock 5,
 Mills 5, Cartwright 5, Varadi 6, Wharton 6,
 Waddle 5.
 Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

LUTON (0) 1 (Horton 76)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
 Att: 10,597
 Luton: Findlay 8, Stephens 8, Aizlewood 7,
 Horton 8, Goodyear 7, ★DONAGHY 9, Hill 8,
 Stein 8, White 8, Fuccillo 7 (sub. Antic 7),
 Moss 7.
 Cambridge: ★KEY 9, Donaldson 7, Murray
 8, Smith 7, Fallon 7, Turner 7, O'Neill 7 (sub.
 Cartwright), Spriggs 6, Gibbins 7, Reilly 7,
 Mayo 7.
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att: 13,254

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Williamson
 7, Shirtliff, Peter 7, Pickering 7, Taylor 7,
 Megson 7, Smith 7 (sub. Pearson), Bannister
 6, ★McCULLOCH 8, Curran 6.
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Leonard 7, Johnson
 7 (sub. Bates), Cross 6, Griffin 7, Keay 6, Tong
 5, Dungworth 6, Atkins 5, Biggins 6,
 ★TURNER 8.
 Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Cunningham 45, Peake 48)
 Att: 5,874
 Huddersfield: Taylor 6, Brown 6, Burke 6,
 Stanton 6, Purdie 6, Hanvey 6, ★LILLIS 7,
 Wilson 6, Fletcher 6, Austin 6 (sub. Robins 6),
 Cowling 6.
 Lincoln: Felgate 8, Carr 6, Turner, P 7,
 Cockerill 7, ★PEAKE 9, Thompson 6, Shipley
 6, Turner, W 6, Hobson 7, Cunningham 7,
 Hibberd 7.
 Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (0) 1 (Round 65)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Hamilton 70)
 Att: 4,196
 Walsall: Green 7, Macken 7, Mower 7 (sub.
 Lowery 6), Beech 7, ★SERELLA 8, Hart 7,
 Rees 7, Loveridge 7, O'Kelly 7, Round 7,
 Waddington 7.
 Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Wharton 6
 (sub. Allen 6), Cassidy 7, Phelan 7, Holt 7.

★DOBSON 9, Scott 7, Hamilton 7, Potts 7,
 Young 7.
 Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

HULL (0) 2 (Davis 47, Mutrie, pen 62)
HALIFAX (0) 0
 Att: 6,952
 Hull: Norman 6, Horswill 7, Swann 6,
 Roberts, D 5 (sub. Eccleston 6), Deacy 7,
 Thompson 6, Marwood 7, McClaren 5,
 ★DAVIS 8, Flounders 6, Mutrie 6.
 Halifax: Smelt 6, Kendall 5 (sub. Carr 6),
 Evans 7, Chamberlain 5, Ayre 5, ★WARD 8,
 Hendrie 6, Spooner 7, Firth 6, Davison 5,
 Allatt 6.
 Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Massey 59, Gage
 79)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (O'Loughlin 63)
 Att: 1,916
 Northampton: Poole 7, Brady 7, Saunders 6,
 Gage 7, Kruse 7, Sandy 5 (sub. Heeley),
 Buchanan 7, Coffill 6, ★MASSEY 8, Phillips
 7, Saxby 7.
 Rochdale: Poole 7, Weir 6, Cooper 6, Dolan 7,
 Burke 6, Taylor 6, Hilditch 6, O'Loughlin 7,
 Esser 6, ★WELLINGS 8, Goodwin 5 (sub.
 Martinez).
 Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
 Match Rating: ★★



Jim Melrose — scored twice as Leicester handed out an FA Cup hammering to Shrewsbury.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

TRANMERE (2) 2 (Craven 12, Kerr 32)
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Bremner 75)
 Att: 1,252
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 6, Burgess 6,
 Mountfield 6, Bramhall 7, Williams 6,
 Hamilton 6, Powell 6, Kerr 6, Craven 7,
 ★**GRIFFITHS 8**.
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 6,
 Lyons 6, Longhorn 6, Wright 6, Adcock 5
 (sub. Cotton 5), Bremner 6, ★**OSBORNE 7**,
 McDonough 6, Allinson 6.
Referee: P. N. Willis (Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, Mar. 3 European Cup, Quarter Final, First Leg

DINAMO KIEV (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Att: 40,000
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Whelan 65)
CSKA SOFIA (0) 0
 Att: 27,388

European Cup Winners Cup, Quarter Final, First Leg

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Miller 57, Hazard 81)
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (0) 0
 Att: 38,172

UEFA Cup, Quarter Final, First Leg

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 2 (Narey 41, Dodds 42)
RADNICKI (0) 0

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Stewart 44)
BRADFORD (0) 0
 Att: 4,009
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Gardner 7, Brockbank 6,
 Blair 7, Harrison 7, McEwan 6, Pashley 6,
 ★**NOBLE 8**, Bamber 7, Hockaday 6, Stewart 7.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Watson 6,
 Ingham 6, Cooke 6 (sub. Lester), Wood 6,
 Gallagher 6, ★**STANFORTH 8**, Campbell 6,
 McNiven 6, Ellis 6.
Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 1 (McGarvey 82)
MORTON (0) 0
 Att: 9,000
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 7, Moyes 6,
 McAdam 6, ★**MACLEOD 8**, Sullivan 6,
 McCluskey 6, McGarvey 7, Burns 7, Halpin 6.
Morton: ★**BAINES 8**, Hayes 6, Holmes 7,
 Rooney 7, McLaughlin 6, Duffy 7, McNeil 6,
 McNab 6, Busby 7, Hutchison 7, Ritchie 6.
Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
RAITH (0) 1 (Craig 89)
 Att: 923

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Carson 60)
DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Brown 35)
 Att: 3,200

Second Division

ALLOA v CLYDE — Match Postponed

COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Miller 1, Markey 30)
MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Spratt 2, Jobson 55)
 Att: 636

Friday, Mar. 5 Division Three

SOUTHEND (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Henderson 21, 69)
 Att: 5,819
Southend: Keeley 6, Hadley 6, Stead 5,
 Pennyfather 5, Moody 6, Cusack 6, Nelson 4
 (sub. Gray 7), ★**PHILLIPS 8**, Spence 5,
 Mercer 6, Otulakowski 5.
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stirk 7, O'Neill 6,
 Wilson 7, ★**GREEN 8**, Ridley 7, Salmons 7
 (sub. Windridge), Bonnyman 7, Henderson 7,
 Kowalski 5, Crawford 7.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

YORK (1) 3 (Hood, pen 36, Walwyn 78, 90)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
 Att: 1,858
York: Blackburn 6, Sweeney 7, Dawson 8,
 Hood 7, ★**CZUCZMAN 9**, Aitken 7, Fell 6,
 Crosby 6, Walwyn 7, Ford 7, Laverick 6.
Colchester: Walker 8, Cook 6, Longhorn 6,
 Baker 6 (sub. Lyons 6), Coleman 7, Wright 7,
 Cotton 6, Bremner 7, ★**OSBORNE 9**,
 McDonough 6, Allinson 7.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Mar. 6

FA Cup, Sixth Round

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Fillery 43, Mayes 64)
TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (Archibald 48, Hoddle 55,
 Hazard 63)
 Att: 42,557
Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 7, Hutchings 7,
 Nutton 6, Chivers 6, Pates 6, Rhoades-Brown 6,
 Bumstead 6, Mayes 7, Walker 6 (sub. Rofe),
 ★**FILLERY 8**.
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 7,
 Price 7, Hazard 8, Perryman 7, Ardiles 7.

Archibald 7, Galvin 7, ★**HODDLE 9**, Crooks 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEICESTER (2) 5 (May 5, Cross, og 45,
 Melrose 60, 90, Lineker 69)
SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Bates 38, Biggins 44)
 Att: 29,117
Leicester: Wallington 6 (sub. ★**MELROSE 8**),
 Williams 7, Friar 6, Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 6,
 Lynex 6, Lineker 7, Young 7, Wilson 7,
 Kelly 7.
Shrewsbury: Wardle 5, King 7 (sub.
 Dungworth 6), Johnson 6, Cross 6, Griffin 6,
 Keay 6, Tong 6, McNally 6, ★**ATKINS 8**,
 Biggins 7, Bates 7.
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

QPR (0) 1 (Allen 88)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
 Att: 24,653
QPR: Hucker 7, Neil 7, Gillard 6, Waddock 6,
 Hazell 6, Roeder 7, Currie 7, Flanagan 6,
 Allen 6, Stainrod 6, ★**GREGORY 8**.
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 6,
 Boulter 6, Murphy 7, ★**WICKS 8**, Gilbert 6,
 Giles 6, Smillie 6, Cannon 6, Mabbutt 6,
 Hilaire 6.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Regis 18, Owen 66)
COVENTRY (0) 0
 Att: 27,825
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Statham 6,
 Bennett 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Brown 8,
 ★**KING 9**, Regis 8, Owen 7, Mackenzie 6.
Coventry: Blyth 6, Roberts 7, Barnes 7,
 Francis 6, Gillespie 7, Hagan 6, Bodak 7,
 ★**THOMAS 8**, Hateley 6, Thompson 6, Hunt 6.
Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Birtles 18)

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Att: 19,637
Birmingham: Wealds 6, ★**LANGAN 8**, Broadhurst 6, Stevenson 5, Scott 5, Curbishley 6, Brocken 5 (sub. Dillon), Whatmore 6, Evans 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Van Mierlo 5.
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 6, Albiston 6, ★**WILKINS 8**, Moran 6 (sub. McGarvey 6), Buchan 7, Robson 5, Birtles 7, Stapleton 7, Duxbury 6, Coppell 6.
Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (1) 3 (Wark 32, Brazil 49, Gates 63)
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att: 19,360
Ipswich: Sivell 6, Burley 7, McCall 7, Mills 7, Osman 8, Steggles 7, Wark 7, ★**MUHREN 9**, D'Avray 7, Brazil 7, Gates 8.
Everton: ★**SOUTHALL 8**, Borrowes 6, Bailey 6, Higgins 7, Wright 7, Richardson 6, Irvine 6, Heath 6, Sharp 6, Bailey 6 (sub. McMahon 6), Ross 7.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 0
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Hansen, og 40)
 Att: 28,574
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 8, Lawrenson 7, Kennedy 6, Whelan 7, Hansen 8, Dalglish 8, Lee 8 (sub. Sheedy 7), ★**RUSH 9**, McDermott 8, Souness 8.
Brighton: ★**DIGWEED 9**, Stevens 7, Nelson 6, Grealish 7, Foster 8, Gattin 5, Case 7, Ritchie 8, Robinson 8, Stille 7, Ryan 8.
Referee: N. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 0
 Att: 30,288
Man City: Corrigan 7, ★**RANSON 8**, McDonald 7, Reid 7, Hareide 6, Caton 6, Ryan 6, Reeves 7, Francis 6 (sub. Jackson 6), Hartford 6, Power 6.
Arsenal: Wood 6, Hollins 6, Sansom 7, Talbot 7, O'Leary 6, Whyte 7, Gorman 7, Sunderland 6, Davis 6, Robson 6, ★**RIX 8**.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 10,155
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattrass 7, ★**BAILEY 8**, Ross 6, Baxter 5, McAndrew 7, Angus 6, Otto 6, Hodgson 6, Woolf 5 (sub. Cochrane 6), Thomson 5.
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 7, Parkin 7, Matthews 6, Gallagher 7, Coy 6, ★**HIBBITT 8**, Carr 6, Gray 6, Richards 6, Clarke 6.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Mair 50)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Keegan 33)
 Att: 12,474
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7, O'Brien 6, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 7, Chiedozie 7, Harkouk 7, McCulloch 7, Hooks 7, ★**MAIR 8**.
Southampton: Katalinic 7, Golac 6, Holmes 6, Baker 7, Nicholl 6, Waldron 7, Keegan 7, Channon 6, Wallace 6 (sub. Puckett 6), Armstrong 7, ★**BALL 8**.
Referee: I. J. Barrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (1) 3 (James, R 34, 87, Charles 72)
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 11,811
Swansea: Davies 7, Robinson 6, Marustik 7, Irwin 6, Kennedy 8, Rajkovic 7, Curtis 7, ★**JAMES, R 9**, James, L 7, Thompson 6, Charles 7.
Stoke: ★**FOX 8**, Kirk 6 (sub. Griffiths 6), Hampton 5, Dodd 6, Watson 6, McAughtrie 6, McLroy 6, O'Callaghan 5, Chapman 6, Bracewell 6, Maguire 6.
Referee: I. F. Burden (Wimborne)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Stewart, pen 39, Van der Elst 52)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Cowans 18, Withe 59)
 Att: 26,894
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 8, Brush 7, Bonds 7, Orr 7, ★**DEVONSHIRE 9**, Allen 7, Goddard 7, Van der Elst 7, Brooking 8, Pike 8.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Williams 7, Bremner 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 8, Blair 8, Shaw 8, Withe 7, Cowans 7, ★**MORLEY 9**.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Hants)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (2) 4 (Miller 18, Stonehouse, pen 43, Bell 70, Garner 79)

DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst 86)
 Att: 8,364
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 7, Arnott 6, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 6, Miller 5, ★**STONEHOUSE 8**, Bell 6, Garner 6, Brotherston 5.
Derby: Banovic 5, Lovatt 4, ★**BUCKLEY 7**, Hector 4, Skivington 5, McAlle 5, Attley 4, Powell 4, Clayton 4, Swindlehurst 5, Emson 5.
Referee: C. N. Seal (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON (0) 1 (Jones, pen 85)
CARDIFF (0) 0
 Att: 6,269
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 5, Henry 7, Jones 7, Doyle 7, Chandler 6, Foster 6, ★**GOWLING 8**, Cantello 6, Thompson 6.
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 7, Gilbert 6, Francombe 6, Pontin 7, ★**HUGHES 8**, Bennett 6, Grapes 6, Stevens 6, Kitchen 7, Saunders 7 (sub. Giles).
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
LUTON (0) 0
 Att: 7,733
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Crombie 6, Waters 7, Cooper 7, Moore, K 7, Broily 6, Ford 5, ★**DRINKELL 8**, Mitchell 5, Cumming 7.
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 6, Aizlewood 7, Horton 7, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 6, ★**HILL 8**, Stein 7, White 7, Antic 7, Moss 7.
Referee: R. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Varadi 13)
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 18,636
Newcastle: Carr 7, ★**BROWNIE 9**, Saunders 7, Trewick 7, Carney 7, Haddock 8, Mills (sub. Shoulder 6), Martin 7, Varadi 7, Cartwright 7, Waddle 7.
Barnley: Horn 7, Laws 6, Chambers 7, Glavin 6, Banks 7, McCarthy 8, Evans 7, Birch 7, Aylott 6, ★**MCCHALE 9**, Campbell 6 (sub. Mann 6).
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (0) 3 (Seasman 53, 80, Moore 61)
 Att: 8,640
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Edwards 6, Ryan 6, ★**KEEGAN 8**, Steel 5 (sub. Nuttall 6), Fletcher 7, Wylde 6, Heaton 6, Palmer 6, McDonough 7, Atkinson 6.
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, Hughes 7, Stancliffe 7, Green 8, Townner 6, Gow 7, Moore 7, ★**SEASMAN 9**, McEwan 7.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Taylor 14)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson 27)
 Att: 12,853
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Williamson 7, Shirliff, Peter 7, ★**PICKERING 8**, Smith 6 (sub. Pearson), Megson 7, Taylor 7, Bannister 6, McCulloch 7, Curran 6.
Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Elliott 6, ★**MEHMET 8**, Gritt 6, Phillips 6, Ambrose 7 (sub. Ferns), Walsh 7, Lansdowne 6, Berry 7, Robinson 7.
Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
 Att: 11,804
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 5, Rostron 6, Taylor 5, Terry 6, ★**BOLTON 7**, Callaghan 6, Blissett 6, Jenkins 5, Lohman 6, Barnes 5 (sub. Armstrong).
Cambridge: Key 6, O'Neill 6, Murray 6, Smith 5, Fallon 6, Nicholls 7, ★**CARTWRIGHT 8**, Spriggs 7, Gibbins 6, Reilly 6, Mayo 6.
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★

Division Three

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
OXFORD (0) 2 (Shotton 50, Kearns 84)
 Att: 8,155
Bristol City: Moller 6, Stevens 6, Williams 6, ★**BRAY 8**, McCaffery 5, Nicholls 5, Godding 6, Carter 6, Chandler 5, Harford 5, Hay 6.
Oxford: Burton 7, Doyle 6, Fogg 7, Jeffrey 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Brock 7, ★**FOLEY 8**, Cassells 7 (sub. Kearns), Thomas 6, Seacole 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER v WIMBLEDON — Match Postponed

EXETER (0) 2 (Rogers, P 83, 86)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Allen 88)
 Att: 3,136
Exeter: Bond 6, Kirkup 6, Sparrow 6, Marker 5, Foster 7, Roberts 6, Pratt 5, ★**ROGERS, P 8**, Kellow 6 (sub. Howarth), Delve 6, Pullar 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Overson 5, ★**CASSIDY 8**, Phelan 6, Holt 6, Dobson 7, Scott 6 (sub. Allen 6), Hamilton 6, Potts 5, Young 6.
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Robins 62, Fletcher 79)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
 Att: 5,338
Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 6, Valentine 6, Hanvey 6, Wilson 7, Kennedy 7, Fletcher 7, ★**ROBINS 8**, Cowling 7.
Gillingham: ★**HILLYARD 8**, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 6, Shaw 5, Bottigliere 5 (sub. Sittin 6), Powell 5, Tydeman 5, White 5, Cascarino 6, Price 7.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Hobson 72)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Att: 2,827
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 7, Turner, P 7, Cockerill 6, Peake 7, Thompson 7, ★**SHIPLEY 8**, Turner, W 6, Hobson 7, Cunningham 7, Hibberd 7.
Brentford: McKellar 7, ★**ROWE 8**, Tucker 7, Salmon 6, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 6, Harris 6 (sub. Hill), Kemp 6, Bowen 6, Bowles 7, Booker 6.
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

MILLWALL (0) 0
DONCASTER (1) 2 (Mell 28, Douglas 67)
 Att: 4,055
Millwall: Gleasure 6, Roberts 5, Warman 5, Chatterton 6, Allardye 5, Tagg 5, ★**HAYES 8**, Massey 5, Horrix 5, Neal 5 (sub. Dibble 5), West 5.
Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 7, Cooper 7, Snodin, I 5, Lister 5, Dowd 6, Pugh 6, Harle 7, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 6, ★**MELL 8**.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Sims 64)
CARLISLE (0) 0
 Att: 3,272
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 7, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 5, Hodges 6, Cooke 5, ★**SIMS 9**, Randell 7, Rogers 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 6, Houghton 5, ★**ASHURST 8**, Crabbe 5 (sub. Larkin 5), Coughlin 6, Robson 7, Bannon 5, Lee 5, Staniforth 6.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Aizlewood 8)
WALSALL (0) 0
 Att: 7,133
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 7, Barnard 6, ★**AIZLEWOOD 8**, Ellis 7, Doyle 6, Rafferty 7, Gregory 6, Tait 6, Crown 7.
Walsall: ★**GREEN 8**, Macken 6, Scott 7, Beech 6, Serella 7, Hart 7, Rees 5, Loveridge 5, Penn 5, O'Kelly 6, Waddington 5 (sub. Buckley 6).
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (1) 2 (Hetzke 8, Webb 65)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott 68)
 Att: 2,655
Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 6, White 7, ★**WEBB 8**, Hicks 7, Hetzke 7, Beavon 7, Earles 6, Dixon 6, Sanchez 7, Donnellan 6.
Preston: ★**HODGE 7**, Anderson 5, McAteer 5, Bell 6, Booth 5 (sub. Naughton), O'Riordan 6, Kelly 6, McGee 6, Elliott 5, Buckley 6, Bruce 6.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 5 (Parkin, og 30, Rideout 55, 69, Carter, pen 61, Henry 89)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Parkin 30, Stephens 62)
 Att: 6,689
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 7, Baddeley 7, Williams, G 7, Lewis 6, ★**STROUD 8**, Hughes 7, Carter 6, Rideout 7, Greenwood 6, Pritchard 7.
Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Bailey 7, Mabbutt 7, Gillies 6, Parkin 7, Hughes 7, Barrett 6.

Williams, D 7, ★**STEPHENS 8**, Randall 7, Williams, B 5.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Williams, B (Bristol Rovers)

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Garwood 2, French 30)
 Att: 2,655
Blackpool: Rush 6, Gardner 6, Brockbank 6, Blair 4, Harrison 5, McEwan 6, Pashley 6, Noble 6, ★**BAMBER 8**, Hockaday 5, Stewart 7 (sub. Deary 4).
Aldershot: Johnson 7, Edwards 7, Wooler 7, McDonald 7, Bennett 7, Jopling 7, Lucas 7, French 8, Garwood 8, ★**BRODIE 9**, Briley 7.
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Funnell 57)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke 50)
 Att: 7,351
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 6, Brignall 6, Impey 7, George 7, Crawford 6 (sub. Carter), ★**FUNNELL 8**, Smith 6, Dawtry 7.
Peterborough: Freeman 7, Butler 6, Collins 7, Gynn 7, Smith, A 6, Rodaway 7, Clarke 6, ★**KELLOCK 8**, Cooke 6, Smith, R 7, Chard 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Coyle 55, 70)
 Att: 1,827
Crewe: Mulhearn 6, Lewis 6, Griffiths 6, Salathiel 7, Scott 6, Palios 6, ★**HASLEGRAVE 8** (sub. Keighley), Heath 6, Chesters 6, Howat 6, Williams 6.
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 7, Emmerson 6 (sub. Stafford), Thorpe 7, Smith 7, Williams 6, Sunley 6, Fowler 6, Park 7, ★**COYLE 8**.
Referee: L. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Linacre, P 22, Staff 88)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (2) 3 (Hatton 14, Edwards 35, Trussan 80)
 Att: 4,145
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 7,

Mike Hazard

LAST week's issue of Match Weekly contained a feature on Spurs midfield player Mike Hazard entitled 'Make way for Mike'.

Mike would like us to point out that his comments regarding his team-mates Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa were misinterpreted and for that we apologise.

Mike stresses that Ardiles and Villa are two of the players he most admires in the Spurs team and that in no way does he wish them to leave the club.

Match Weekly fully understands that Mike was simply pointing out that the Argentinian duo obviously make it difficult for him to establish his own place and we hope that our readers did not take our front page heading — 'Why I want Ossie to go' — out of context.

MATCH WINNERS

THE following ten lucky winners of the 'Spot the Ball' competition which appeared in the February 20 issue of 'Match' each receive a super Frans Thijssen trainer ball.

They are: Paul O'Connor, Corby, Northants; Frank Smith, Hoddesdon, Herts; Colin Wray, Hartlepool, Cleveland; Dennis Voller, Stevenage, Herts; Craig Westmacott, Minehead, Somerset; Graham Preston, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester; Adrian Bali, Hastings, East Sussex; Peter Cooke, Wheatley, Yorks; Alan Collinson, Terrington Marsh, Norfolk; M. Oglesby, Darwen, Lancs.

MATCH FACTS MATCH

***JOHNSON 9**, Bird 6, Bainbridge 5, Linacre, J 6, Staff 6, Newton 8, Houchen 8, Linacre, P 8.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Casey 5, Garner 6, Matthews 5, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6, Morris 7, Trussion 7, ***EDWARDS 9**, Hutton 8, McPhail 6.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Showers 42, Price 47)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Dall 43)
Att: 2,159
Hereford: Brand 7, ***PRICE 8**, Pejc 7, Hicks 7, Dobson 7, Musial 7, Harvey 6, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 6, Showers 7, White 7.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Lambert 7, Pilling 6, Keeley 6, Dall 7, Oates 6, Arins 6, Telfer 6, Grimes 7, ***MOSS 8**, Stewart 7.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Lumby 34, Nicholson 67)
DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Speedie 33, McLean 51, Walsh 74)
Att: 1,538
Mansfield: Arnold 5, McJannet 6, Foster 5, Bell 6, Burrows 5, Wood 6, ***THOMSON 8**, Cannell 5, Lumby 6, Nicholson 7, Parkinson 6.
Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 6, Wilson 5, ***SMITH 8**, Skipper 6, Speedie 7, Stalker 5, McLean 6, Hawker 5, Hamilton 6, Walsh 7.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 0
BURY (0) 0
Att: 3,729
Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tarr 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 6, Bowles 6, Chamberlain, N 6, ***MOSS 8**, Greenhoff 4 (sub. Shankland 4), Armstrong 6, Chamberlain, M 7.
Bury: Brown 7, Constantine 6, Bradley 6, Gore 7, Hilton, P 7, Howard 6, Madden 7, Butler 7, ***JOHNSON 8**, Jakub 5, Hilton, M 5.
Referee: V. Callow (West Midlands)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Kerr 52)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Brown 75)
Att: 1,187
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 7, Burgess 7, Mountfield 6, Bramhall 7, Williams 6, Hamilton 7, Powell 6, Kerr 7, Craven 7 (sub. Brown), ***GRIFFITHS 8**.
Torquay: ***O'KEEFE 8**, Jones 6, Pethard 6, Tainton 7, Rodgers 7, Wilson 6, Brown 6, Lawrence 6, Winn 6 (sub. Rioch), Cox 6, Young 6.
Referee: D. A. Webb (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (1) 2 (Bradd 1, 65)
HULL (1) 1 (Mutrie 12)
Att: 6,008
Wigan: Tunks 7, Glenn 6, Weston 5, Wignall 7, Cribley 7, Methven 6, Quinn 6, O'Keefe 5, ***BRADD 9**, Houghton 6 (sub. Wright 5), Evans 6.
Hull: Norman 6, Swann 6, Thompson 6, Richards 6, ***HORSWILL 9**, Davis 6, Marwood 6, McClaren 6, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 7, Deacy 6.
Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

FA Cup, Quarter Finals

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (McGhee 20, Simpson 35, Strachan, pen 60, pen 64)
KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (McGivern 1, Gallagher 36)
Att: 9,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, ***KENNEDY 8**, Hamilton 6, McMaster 7, McLeish 7, Miller 6, Strachan 6, Cooper 7, McGhee 7, Simpson 7, Hewitt 6.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, McLean 6, Robertson 6, Clark, J 6, Armstrong 7, Clarke, P 7, Gallagher 6, McLeod 7, Bourke 6, ***MAUCHLEN 8**, McGivern 6.
Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee)
Match Rating: ★★

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McFarlane 51)
FORFAR (0) 2 (Hancock 57, Leitch 89)
Att: 2,643
Queen's Park: Aitkens 7, Wilson 6, Dickson 7, Cook 6, Cairns 6, McFarlane 7, ***MCNIVEN 8**, Crawley 6, Grant 6 (sub. Gilmore 6), Wood 7, Nicholson 6 (sub. Verrecchia).
Forfar: Kennedy 7, Bennett 6, McPhee 7, Brash 6, Brown 7, Farningham 6, Allan 6 (sub. Morris 7), ***LEITCH 8**, Gallagher 7, Clark 6, Porter 7 (sub. Hancock 7).
Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (0) 2 (Johnstone 59, McAdam 67)
DUNDEE (0) 0
Att: 16,500
Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, McAdam 6, ***JACKSON 8**, Bett 7, Russell 6, Miller 5 (sub. Redford 7), Johnston 6, McDonald 7, Cooper 6 (sub. Mackay).
Dundee: Geddes 6, McKinnie 6, McClelland 7, Glennie 7, Smith 6, Kidd 7 (sub. Cameron 6), ***FRASER 8**, McGeachie 7, Ferguson 6, Fleming 6 (sub. Stephen), Mackie 6.
Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Fitzpatrick 68)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
Att: 9,425
St Mirren: Thomson 7, McCormack 7, Beckett 6, Fulton 6, Copland 7, ***FITZPATRICK 8**, Stark 6, McAvennie 6 (sub. Richardson 7), Bone 6, McDougall 6, Scanlon 7.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark, D 6, Gough 6 (sub. Philip 7), Holt 6, Hegarty 7, ***NAREY 8**, Malpas 6, Bannon 7, Kirkwood 6, Sturrock 6, Dodds 7.
Referee: B. McGinlay (Balfour)
Match Rating: ★★

Premier Division

MORTON (0) 1 (Ritchie, pen 46)
AIRDRIE (0) 0
Att: 2,000
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 6, Rooney 7, ***McLAUGHLIN 8**, Duffy 6, McNeil 7, McNab 6, Busby 6 (sub. Docherty 6), Hutchison 7, Ritchie 6.
Airdrie: Martin 7, McCluskey 7, Rodger 6, Campbell 6, Walker 6, Anderson 7, ***McKEOWN 8**, Clark 6 (sub. Thompson 7), McDonagh 6 (sub. Kerr 6), Gordon 6, McGuire 6.
Referee: L. B. Thow (Cowdenbeath)
Match Rating: ★★

PARTICK THISTLE (1) 1 (Johnston 24)
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Rae 30, Paterson 47)
Att: 3,000
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Whittaker 5 (sub. O'Hara 6), Anderson 6 (sub. Clark 6), Smith 7, Watson 7, ***PARK 8**, Doyle 7, Johnston 6, Jardine 6, Higgins 6.
Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Schaedler 7, Brazil 6, Paterson 7, ***McNAMARA 8**, Callaghan 6, Murray 7 (sub. Hendry), MacLeod 6 (sub. Flavell), Rae 6, Duncan 7.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

DUMBARTON (2) 3 (Gallagher 37, Blair 38, Brown 50)
AYR (1) 1 (Christie 40)
Att: 500
Falkirk (1) 3 (Herd 23, Ward 65, 79)
HEARTS (1) 1 (Robertson 27)
Att: 2,500

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 4 (Phillips 44, 72, 79, Alexander 82)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
Att: 800

RAITH (1) 1 (Ballantyne 25)
HAMILTON (0) 2 (Craig 51, Wright 57)
Att: 1,500

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 3 (Morton 37, 52, 84)
MOTHERWELL (2) 2 (Coyne 13, Irvine 44)
Att: 2,914

Second Division

ALLOA (1) 1 (Holt 45)
BERWICK (0) 1 (Lawson 79)
Att: 600

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Scott 44)
EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Caithness 19, 89)
Att: 500

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
ALBION ROVERS (2) 2 (Burgess 11, Shields 28)
Att: 200

MONTROSE (1) 4 (Taylor 33, Oliver 58, Campbell 80, 88)
CLYDE (0) 1 (McNiven 49)
Att: 350

STIRLING ALBION (0) 0
BRECHIN (1) 2 (Campbell 2, Paterson 69)
Att: 450

STRANRAER (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Kirkland 61)
Att: 504

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	AWAY											
South'pton	29	13	0	2	37	16	3	6	5	16	24	54
Swansea	28	10	2	1	25	7	6	2	7	18	27	52
Man. Utd.	27	8	5	1	21	7	6	3	4	19	13	50
Ipswich	25	9	1	2	27	15	6	1	6	20	21	47
Arsenal	27	8	3	2	10	5	4	5	12	13	14	46
Liverpool	26	7	3	4	26	12	6	3	20	11	45	
Man. City	28	8	5	2	28	12	4	3	6	13	19	44
Brighton	28	6	6	3	24	17	5	3	9	10	44	
Tottenham	23	7	0	5	23	14	6	4	11	8	43	
Nott's F.	26	6	4	3	14	12	4	4	5	14	19	38
Everton	28	7	5	2	21	12	2	5	7	13	22	37
West Ham	27	6	5	1	29	19	2	6	6	16	18	36
Notts. Co.	27	5	5	3	19	18	4	2	8	22	23	34
Aston Villa	28	4	5	4	14	16	4	5	6	18	20	34
Stoke	28	6	0	8	18	19	3	5	6	12	20	32
West Brom.	22	4	5	2	14	8	3	3	5	14	17	29
Birmingham	26	5	3	2	18	0	4	0	8	12	24	24
Coventry	27	5	2	6	22	21	1	4	9	14	30	24
Leeds	24	5	6	2	15	10	1	0	10	5	28	24
Wolves	28	5	3	6	9	13	1	3	10	8	32	24
Sunderland	26	1	4	1	13	9	1	4	7	11	19	
Middlesbro	26	2	5	5	11	17	0	5	9	7	20	16

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	AWAY											
Luton	26	10	0	2	29	11	7	8	1	24	14	57
Watford	27	7	5	2	26	13	7	3	3	18	15	50
Rotherham	29	11	1	3	31	12	4	2	8	13	22	48
Blackburn	30	8	2	4	17	9	5	7	4	20	18	48
Sheff Wed	30	5	7	3	31	20	8	1	6	17	17	47
Oldham	30	7	7	2	23	17	5	3	6	15	16	46
Q.P.R.	27	9	3	2	20	6	4	2	7	14	17	44
Newcastle	28	11	2	1	23	7	2	3	9	13	22	44
Charlton	30	9	3	3	33	14	2	7	6	16	27	43
Barnsley	28	7	3	3	17	6	4	3	8	19	21	39
Chelsea	26	7	3	2	20	13	4	3	7	15	21	39
Leicester	24	7	4	2	17	8	3	4	6	15	18	38
Derby	28	7	3	4	24	15	3	1	9	10	24	37
Cambridge	28	7	3	4	19	13	2	3	9	10	20	33
Bolton	29	7	2	6	19	19	2	3	9	6	19	32
Derby	28	6	5	2	21	15	2	1	12	15	39	30
Orient	26	4	5	5	14	17	4	0	8	8	5	29
Shrewsbury	25	6	3	3	17	13	1	4	8	5	21	28
C. Palace	23	6	1	4	13	9	1	4	7	3	11	26
Cardiff	27	5	2	7	14	20	2	2	9	10	19	25
Grimsby	24	1	6	5	14	18	3	4	5	12	21	22
Wrexham	25	4	0	8	10	16	2	4	7	12	20	22

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	AWAY											
Cherthfield	29	9	4	2	23	12	6	2	6	16	15	51
Carlisle	27	11	2	1	25	10	4	7	2	12	16	49
Fulham	27	7	5	1	23	11	6	4	4	19	16	48
Oxford	27	7	3	3	17	10	6	4	4	20	17	47
Burnley	29	7	5	2	22	13	5	5	2	20	21	46
Reading	31	8	5	4	30	26	4	3	7	15	24	44
Lincoln	29	7	5	3	25	20	3	4	8	14	26	43
Bristol Rovers	31	9	4	4	25	20	3	4	8	14	26	43
Walsall	30	8	4	4	26	15	3	5	6	11	14	42
Southend	29	7	5	4	20	16	4	4	5	13	13	42
Millwall	29	7	2	6	23	18	4	6	4	17	19	41
Gillingham	28	7	3	4	29	21	4	3	7	11	19	39
Plymouth	31	8	4	4	25	15	2	5	8	13	23	38
Brentford	30	4	6	1	11	14	7	4	7	19	20	39
Huddersfield	30	7	3	5	26	17	3	5	7	15	21	38
Portsmouth	30	6	6	2	19	10	2	6	8	15	26	36
Swindon	29	6	3	6	26	23	3	6	5	12	18	36
Doncaster	28	7	1	5	20	15	3	5	8	18	27	36
Exeter	29	8	2	4	29	26	4	4	9	20	35	36
Newport	28	5	5	3	14	10	4	4	8	18	23	33
Bristol City	29	5	6	1	19	9	4	4	6	13	16	33
Preston	29	5	4	4	12	12	3	3	9	15	26	32
Chester	28	2	8	3	13	15	4	1	10	14	27	27
Wimbledon	27	5	3	5	16	18	2	3	9	17	34	27

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
	HOME						AWAY						
Wigan	30	11	3	1	28	9	6	7	2	20	16	61	
Sheff. Utd.	29	10	5	0	32	8	7	3	4	21	18	59	
Peterboro	29	11	2	1	36	10	6	5	4	15	20	58	
Bournemouth	30	8	7	1	22	10	8	3	3	14	8	58	
Brad City	29	8	5	2	29	15	9	1	4	27	16	57	
Bury	30	11	2	1	40	14	4	8	4	20	21	55	
Colchester	29	9	3	2	39	16	7	2	6	22	20	53	
Port Vale	31	5	8	2	16	13	7	4	5	24	21	48	
Blackpool	30	9	2	5	31	18	3	7	4	22	19	48	
Torquay	30	9	2	5	31	18	3	7	4	22	19	48	
Tranmere	30	6	4	5	23	19	5	3	7	16	26	46	
Hartlepool	30	6	3	5	25	24	3	6	7	25	32	46	
Hull	28	8	1	5	22	15	1	7	6	21	28	35	
Hereford	27	3	8	1	36	16	4	5	4	19	27	34	
Darlington	30	5	5	5	20	12	1	9	5	14	22	33	
Doncaster	29	1	1	6	25	19	1	3	9	6	22	31	
Mansfield	31	5	3	7	26	28	3	3	10	17	30	30	
Scunthorpe	29	5	4	5	17	21	2	3	10	11	28	26	
York	28	3	5	7	20	27	4	8	6	15	31	27	
Halifax	29	2	6	5	12	17	2	8	8	8	13	23	
Rochdale	28	3	3	5	12	12	1	9	8	8	13	23	
Northampton	30	4	8	2	15	25	2	11	3	35	21	21	
Sheff. Wed.	29	2	3	9	10	17	3	2	10	6	20	19	

Robbie Cooke — the League's deadliest marksman over the past two seasons.

THIRST FOR GOALS

LESS than two years ago Peterborough striker Robbie Cooke was plugging leaks in houses as well as finding them in opposing defences on Saturdays for non-League Grantham.

Now, as the former plumbing engineer blasts Peterborough towards promotion to the Third Division with his unquenchable thirst for goals, he revels in the distinction of being the League's deadliest marksmen over the past two seasons.

Since his League career was revived by Peterborough last season at the cut-price figure of £12,000, he has scored 52 League and Cup goals at a remarkable average of more than one every other game.

With 29 goals last season and 23 so far this term, his goal-grabbing exploits must be making Mansfield see red. They ditched him after just 15 League matches!

Robbie admits that it has been something of a relief to stay among the goals after such a dramatic return to League football

last season.

"If I hadn't continued to score goals then people might have classed me as a one-season wonder," he says.

"But I think I've proved it was not a flash in the pan.

"Mind you, I was always confident that I would continue to score.

"I set myself a target of twenty goals at the start of the season, but, having achieved that already, I'm now aiming for the thirty mark.

In one spell around Christmas, he went seven League games without a goal and everyone wondered whether his source had dried up.

But he responded with ten goals in the next seven matches to boost Peterborough's promotion hopes.

"I probably lost a bit of confidence in front of goal in that spell, but a fluke tap-in goal against Stockport, which ended the lean run, helped me back on course.

"I would like to play at a higher level, but all I can do is keep

scoring and see what happens.

"I've scored against teams from higher divisions in the cup competitions and that's my only guide at the moment."

Now Robbie hopes he can maintain his form in front of goal to aid Peterborough's promotion push.

"We just missed out last season when we felt that we were better than the teams promoted, but they had the consistency over 46 matches.

"This season, we are gradually showing more consistency and have tightened up at the back.

"Last season we tended to give away silly goals at the wrong times, but this time the defence as a whole is working better as a unit.

"If anything, we are a better side this season and I feel we are in a stronger position this time to go up.

"It's going to be a tight finish, but we have most of our rivals to play at home, and I see no reason why we shouldn't make it."

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

Fans' man

SUPPORTERS of Third Division strugglers Chester have raised £20,000 to buy a new player.

Hereford relief!

FOURTH Division Hereford's barren spell in front of their own fans ended with a 2-1 victory over bottom club Northampton on February 20.

It was Hereford's first League win at Edgar Street for five months and it boosted their chances of staying away from the re-election zone where they finished last season.

Peter the third

DEFENDER Peter Shaw is the third Charlton player to join Third Division Gillingham this season.

He has followed Dick Tydeman and Colin Powell to Priestfield where former Charlton winger Keith Peacock is in charge.

But it was not a happy debut for Peter at Exeter for he conceded the penalty that earned the home side a point.

Gary's proudest moment

PATIENCE has finally paid off for 18-year-old Gary Loughran who joined the Port Vale professional ranks this season.

"It's the proudest moment of my life to be taken on as a professional footballer," says midfield player Gary who had been with Aston Villa on schoolboy forms.

He also had trials with home club Middlesbrough, Coventry and Hereford before being given a chance by Fourth Division Vale.

Massey on the move

NORTHAMPTON, struggling at the bottom of the Fourth Division, have signed striker Steve Massey from near neighbours Peterborough in a bid to boost their attack.

He has joined them until the end of the season on a free transfer.

He joined Peterborough at the start of the season from Bournemouth.

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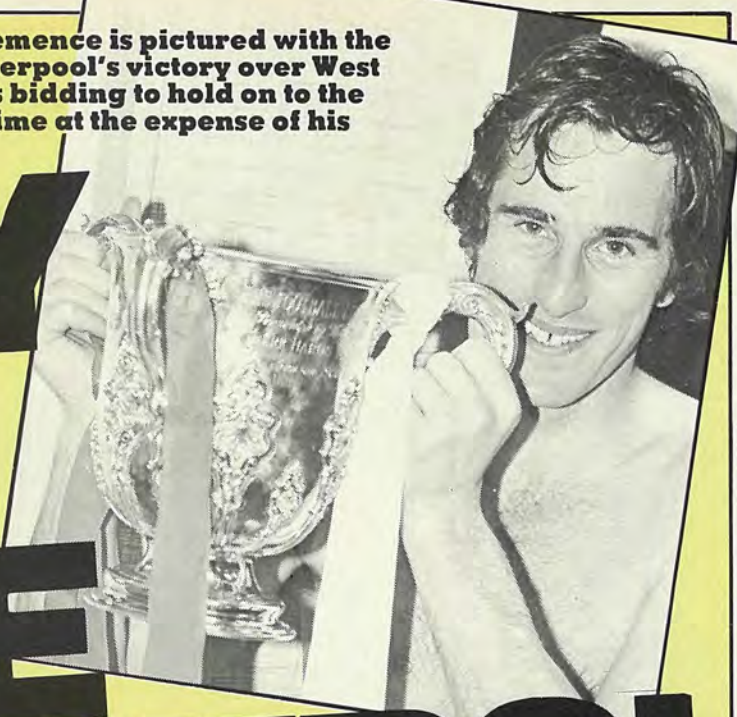
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Spurs goalkeeper Ray Clemence is pictured with the League Cup following Liverpool's victory over West Ham last season. Now he's bidding to hold on to the prized silverware — this time at the expense of his former club . . .

RAY OF THE ROVERS!



RAY Clemence — a Liverpool legend after 14 years at Anfield — faces his old team-mates for the first time in the League Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday.

And the England keeper, who made a shock £300,000 move to Spurs in the close season, admits: "I couldn't have written it better myself. It's real comic story stuff.

"We were meant to have met in the League at White Hart Lane in December, but the match was called off because of the bad weather. Now I'm pleased it was.

"I just don't know what my reaction will be when I come out of our dressing room at Wembley and come face to face with all my old Liverpool friends.

"I'll try hard to treat the game just like any other, but I know that it will be really difficult," says Ray, who made 470 appearances for Liverpool and won every club honour except a European Cup-Winners' Cup medal.

"Obviously I've got an extra special reason for wanting to win against Liverpool, but I've always given 100 per cent in every single game I've played, so my effort at Wembley can't be any greater."

Ray admits that the critics who wrote him off earlier this season helped him to play a major part in getting Spurs to the League Cup Final for the third time in the club's history.

"I conceded a few goals in my early days at Spurs and everyone started to write me off. In many ways, that was the best thing that could have happened to me.

"I was determined to make them eat their words and I think I've done that by helping the club



to Wembley."

Despite his early problems with the FA Cup holders, Ray has never once regretted his move to London.

"I never doubted my own ability. I knew that it would take time for me to get used to my new defence.

"I needed a new challenge after such a long time at Liverpool. It was getting difficult for me to motivate myself after winning so much at Anfield."

Even though Ray has won such a sparkling array of honours in his distinguished career, he's still determined to add more silverware to his vast collection.

"I thrive on winning medals and I knew that if I joined Spurs, I'd have a chance of winning even more," he says.

Ray, who helped Liverpool lift the League Cup last year in a replay win over West Ham, knows his new team face a tough task if they are to stop the holders retaining the trophy.

"Liverpool are a great side. The people who wrote them off earlier this season needed their heads testing. They've always got stronger and stronger as the season goes on.

"We'll have to play to the best of our ability if we are going to beat them. They are so well organised in defence and have tremendous ability going forward.

"But we've been enjoying a great run ourselves in the last couple of months so we must be confident that we can win the Cup.

"It's a marvellous Final in prospect, between two of the best teams in the country. It's just the sort of glamour tie that the League Cup needs.

"Because both teams love to go forward, it could be a case of which defence holds out the longest. One piece of individual skill could decide the issue.

"The Liverpool side has gone through a transition this season, but I think everyone knew that a change was on the cards.

"The youngsters who've come in have proved that they are up to the job and one of the lads who's really impressed me is Welsh international striker Ian Rush. We are going to have our hands full with him.

"The fact that Mark Lawrenson has been keeping former skipper Phil Thompson out of the side shows just how strong the Liverpool squad is at the moment."

Ray has taken a special interest in the man who replaced him between the sticks at Anfield — Zimbabwe international Bruce Grobbelaar.

"Like me, Bruce had his problems early on, but he's since shown himself to be a confident and talented 'keeper.

"When he has been caught out this season I think it's been down to his inexperience and immaturity in goalkeeping."

NEXT WEEK

In the magazine that's first with the best stories and pictures . . .

League Cup Final COLOUR SPECIAL!

AS ALWAYS, Match is first with colour action from the big games.

We'll be bringing you the FIRST colour pictures from Saturday's Wembley Final between Spurs and Liverpool!

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Stories and pictures from the
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MATCH THAT!

IVAN GOLAC

Spotlight on Southampton's former Yugoslavian international defender...

FULL NAME: Ivan Golac.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Koprivnica, June 15, 1950.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 11ins./12st. 9lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Bratislava.
CHILDREN: Ivana (6) and Andrijana (4).
CAR: Granada Ghia 2.8.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Partizan Belgrade.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles for their skill and vision.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tottenham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYERS AND WHY: Garrincha and Pele of Brazil — they were magnificent.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Cohen, Cooper, Bell, Charlton J., Moore, Matthews, Ball, Greaves, Charlton R., Peters.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (Russia), Djalma Santos, Francisco Marinho (Brazil), Beckenbauer (West Germany), Voronin (Russia), Clodoaldo, Garrincha (Brazil), Di Stefano (Argentina), Pele (Brazil), Puskas (Hungary), Sivor (Argentina).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Maine Road.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Atletico Madrid.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Southampton against W.B.A. last season.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ian Edwards' goal for Wrexham against Derby County last season.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning two Championship medals with Partizan Belgrade in seasons 1975-76 and 1977-78.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Southampton losing to Arsenal in the Quarter-Finals of the FA Cup in season 1978-79.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Skiing, table tennis, basketball.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Pop music and Spring flowers in the garden.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Dishonest people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Mike Yarwood.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: There are a few!
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Mick Jagger.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Hungarian Goulash.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Austria.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charlton Heston and the late Natalie Wood.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: El Cid.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON MY CAREER: My family.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four full caps and Under-21 honours.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To finish my studies.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the First Division title with Southampton.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Something outside football.
PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: Glenn Hoddle, Kenny Sansom and Gordon Cowans.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Lee Marvin.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard, show respect and be proud.

